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FROM Mr C. P. Scott Geneva to Mr Powell-Jones.

No. 1822/126/64

Dated June 26.

Received July 1.

SUBJECT: Conversation with Mr JAMIESON of UNHCR regarding necessity to evacuate from Zanzibar estimated 1,100 Omani Arabs on Zanzibar Island.

(Outward Action)

~~D&T~~) UK Rep Geneva 355 of 3/7

8) Mr de Rivaz CRO 6/7.

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Encloses Copy of: telephone conversation between M. Hoffmann-Herinberg and Mr Bassiger de Baden of 24/6.

References and Relevant Papers: BC. 1821/12

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This group is the same as that mentioned in Zanzibar tel No. 418. C.R.O. have telegraphed to enquire

(a) Whether there is no future for them in Zanzibar

(b) How many are able to pay for passages.

(c) Whether Red + can combine to feed them.

(d) Whether these are the last.

2. They are certainly not refugees, and I think it is becoming more important than ever that we shd not be involved. Accept tel.

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Mr. Tunnell

UNITED KINGDOM MISSION

Villa La Fenêtre, Route de Pregny, GENEVA

Telephone: 33 23 85

1822/126/64

June 26, 1964

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Dear John,

Tom Jamieson, the Director of Operations for the High Commissioner for Refugees came to see me this afternoon concerning an approach which had been made to the High Commissioner's Office by both the International Committee of the Red Cross and by the British Red Cross Society about the need to evacuate from Zanzibar an estimated 1,100 or so Manga Arabs who have now arrived on Zanzibar Island from the nearby island of Pemba.

2. The facts of the case, as given to the High Commissioner by the International Committee of the Red Cross are set out in the enclosed record of a telephone conversation between the Secretary to the President of the I.C.R.C. and an officer of Jamieson's staff.

3. In addition Jamieson told me that Miss Whittington of the British Red Cross Society had telephoned him on the afternoon of June 25. She said that the British Red Cross Society were very concerned about this new group of Manga Arabs who appeared to have either been expelled from Pemba or to have escaped from the island. Since the Government of Zanzibar, according to Miss Whittington, were disinclined to repatriate these people but, according to her information, wished to retain them, at least for the time being, in order to put them to work, (Miss Whittington called it forced labour.) she suggested that there might be advantage in trying to get Mr. George Hoffman, the I.C.R.C. representative in Africa, to try to persuade President Nyerere to have these people transferred to Dar-es-Salaam. Jamieson said that he hoped he had

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United Nations Department,
Foreign Office,
London S.W.1.

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persuaded Miss Whittington not to follow this course. Tanganyika had enough problems on the mainland without creating new ones. In his view the arrival of these people might only lead to agitation for the expulsion of Arabs already living in Tanganyika. This would not only be a bad situation, but could in certain circumstances be very expensive if the international community felt it necessary to intervene and to assist in the repatriation of all these Arabs to the Arabian Peninsula.

4. Jamieson said that the High Commissioner would be very grateful for any informal advice that H.M.G. could give him. His own view is that these 1,100 people who have left Pemba are not refugees and therefore not his responsibility. In his view it therefore follows that he could not assist them, even if he thought that desirable, from funds contributed to his programme.

5. This said, the High Commissioner considers that if the story in the enclosure is accurate it will be important to seek some solution for these 1,100 new arrivals in Zanzibar, because if they have to wait until the beginning of the North East Monsoon in November to go back to Muscat by Dhow they may become yet another problem for the new Zanzibar Government, which could be come permanent or give rise to incidents of an unpleasant sort. In these circumstances the High Commissioner would be grateful if the Foreign Office felt able to confirm or correct the facts of the case as stated in the enclosure. If the facts can be confirmed he would be grateful for H.M.G.'s unofficial and confidential advice as to whether they think it would on the whole be in the general interest for these 1,100 people to be repatriated to Muscat in the near future by steamer as suggested by Mr. George Hoffman. If so, and if H.M. Consul General at Muscat could confirm that the Sultan would see no objection to the repatriation of this further batch of Manga Arabs to his dominions (but only on this condition), the High Commissioner would be prepared to use his good offices with the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief to try to persuade them to donate up to £25,000 to pay for these people's repatriation.

6. I told Jamieson that I would report these facts, and also the High Commissioner's enquiries. I told him that so far as I knew H.M.G. considered that the repatriation of these Manga Arabs to Muscat was a matter for the Muscat and Zanzibar Governments. I thought, too, that you would agree that at the moment at any rate, these people could not be called refugees, and that you would therefore agree with the High Commissioner that they were not his responsibility. How you and the British High Commissioner in Zanzibar would view his proposal to try to get the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief to pay for these people to be repatriated, I could not possibly say. Perhaps if these 1,100 were repatriated with international money, many others

/would

would come forward asking for repatriation too. On the other hand, if it could be confirmed that these 1,100 persons seemed likely to be the last of the Manga Arabs on Zanzibar and Pemba who would be forced to leave, you and the High Commissioner might take a different view.

7. If you could let me know at an early date what reply I may give to the High Commissioner on all these points, I should be very grateful. I am doubtful whether his intervention is desirable, but if you think it would be helpful I am sure the High Commissioner is right in maintaining that before he moves at all he ought to be assured as far as possible that this group of Arabs also will be allowed to land in Muscat if he raises the money for them to be repatriated by steamer.

yours ever

Peter Scott

(C. P. Scott)

OFFICE OF THE U.N. HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR REFUGEES

24 June 1964

Refugees in Zanzibar

I had a telephone call from Mr. Borsinger de Baden of the International Committee of the Red Cross, informing me of a report just received from Mr. George Hoffman of the International Committee of the Red Cross, following his recent visit to Zanzibar.

According to this report, it would appear that a total of 3,549 Wanga Arabs have been evacuated from Zanzibar to Muscat and Oman during the last few months.

However, there seems to be a new problem with a group of some 1,100 persons who have arrived or are arriving in Zanzibar from Pemba island - approximately 50 % of whom are children. Apparently the authorities of the United Republic of Tanganyika and Zanzibar have not yet been able to get the situation on this island - which used to be an integral part of Zanzibar - under control, and some followers of the revolutionary régime are controlling the island. This has resulted in the exodus of the aforementioned group to the island of Zanzibar. The group is referred to by the authorities as "refugees from Pemba".

Mr. Hoffman recommends that this new group be urgently evacuated within the next few weeks from Zanzibar to Muscat and Oman. The previously employed means of transportation (dhows) do not seem to be available this time, since the winds are not favourable. Mr. Hoffman has had some preliminary contacts with a shipping company, which has also arranged for the evacuation of persons of Indian origin, and has received a fare quotation of £25 per adult for the trip from Zanzibar to Muscat and Oman (children would probably benefit from a reduced fare).

According to Mr. Hoffman, the British High Commissioner in Zanzibar - who is perfectly aware of the problem - has indicated that it is not the responsibility of the U.K. authorities to finance the cost of this transportation.

Mr. Borsinger would very much like to discuss this matter further, and I promised that I would enquire as to whether the High Commissioner and the Deputy High Commissioner may want to receive him.

F. Homann-Herimberg

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(Date) 3 July

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Scott's letter of June 26 to Powell-Jones [Manga Arabs].

Information in your enclosure is UNR18221/35 confirmed by Zanzibar telegram No. 418 [of June 29] which was repeated to Consul-General Geneva ~~but not unfortunately to you~~.

2. We agree that these people are not responsibility of the U.N.H.C.R. and that intervention by him is not called for at this stage. We hope that the Red Cross will be successful in arranging with Muscat and Zanzibar authorities for their repatriation. We have no objection to the High Commissioner approaching OXFAM or Freedom From Hunger Campaign (who may also have funds available) if the Red Cross wish him ~~xxxx~~ to do so. ~~It is doubtful however~~ We do not know whether terms of their trusts would permit use of their funds in this way.

3. We are unable to confirm that Sultan would accept these people. It appears that International Red Cross are making enquiries in Muscat but, if U.N.H.C.R. is asked ~~for~~ to use his good offices with the

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Sultan once again, we should have no objection, though we do not wish to encourage him to become involved.

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No. 355
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POMEC (Aden) Geneva

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UNR 18221/37

FROM
M. Miller U.N. Mission Geneva to Mr. Powell-Jones

No. 1822/127/64

Dated July 3

Received July 7

(Outward Action)

SUBJECT: Manga Arabs.

Red Cross propose to charter ship from Karachi to carry about 2,000 passengers at a cost of at least £40,000.

Encloses Copy of:

References and Relevant Papers:
UNR 18221/36

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This is confirmed by Zanzibar Tel 418

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Villa La Fenêtre, Route de Pregny, GENEVA
Telephone: 33 23 85

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VNR 1822/36

Dear John,

Please refer to Peter Scott's letter of June 26, 1964 (1822/126/64) about the Manga Arabs who recently arrived on Zanzibar Island from the nearby island of Pemba. In the enclosure to this letter Mr. Homann-Herimberg states that Mr. Hoffmann had received a fare quotation per adult for the trip from Zanzibar to Muscat and Oman, of £25.

2. Mrs. Janet Adams of the British Red Cross who has recently been in Zanzibar, called to see me yesterday to ask if we yet knew whether the Sultan of Muscat and Oman had given permission for these Arabs to land in Muscat and Oman. In the course of our conversation I mentioned the sum of £25: per head and she said that this sum was the normal steerage passage from Zanzibar to Muscat; there is only one ship which carries 50 steerage passengers and trips take place only once every two months. What she and the Zanzibar Red Cross had in mind was to charter a ship, possibly a Mecca Pilgrimage ship from Karachi, carrying 2,000 passengers, which would have to go empty to Zanzibar and return empty from Muscat. The cost of this, she said, would be at least £40,000.

3. I arranged for Mrs. Adams to see the Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees, Prince Sadruddin, this morning.

Yours ever

(J.D. Miller)

J.E. Powell-Jones, Esq.,
United Nations Department,
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UN R 18221/38

FROM Mr. Scott Geneva

No. 277

Dated July 10

Received July 11

SUBJECT: Manga Arabs.

Asks us to assist representative of International Committee of the Red Cross to secure permission for landing of refugees in Muscat and Oman.

Encloses Copy of:

References and Relevant Papers:

UNR 18221/36

(Outward Action)

8) 2 copies to R. de Burlet CRO 13/7

Dft) to Muscat No 157 of 13/7

8) R. de Burlet C.R.O 13/7

Dft) Muscat 159 15/7

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Charge Reply

13/7

A) Mr. Greaves Muscat No 94 of 15/7

I understand that the British Red Cross intend to approach you for assistance over this.

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Arabian Dept (Mr Powell)

I have spoken to Mr Powell, who is drafting a reply.

15/7

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(Referred to Legal Adviser)

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FROM GENEVA TO FOREIGN OFFICE
(United Kingdom Mission)

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Mr. Scott

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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 277 of July 10,
Repeated for information to: Muscat, Zanzibar, POMEC (Aden), Consul General Geneva

Your telegram No. 355 : Manga Arabs. UNR18221/36

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees's office now inform me that the International Committee of the Red Cross (I.C.R.C.) will be sending a representative to Zanzibar within the next few days to try to obtain a nominal list of Omanis from Pemba and if possible arrange for their repatriation. I.C.R.C. representative will thereafter proceed to Muscat and Oman to make contact with the Sultan's Government in order to secure permission for Manga Arabs to land.

2. High Commissioner, though apparently prepared to help to raise funds for repatriation is disinclined again to approach Sultan of Muscat or Zanzibar Government in support of I.C.R.C.

3. High Commissioner's Director of Operations was however instructed to ask me to appeal to you if possible to instruct High Commissioner in Zanzibar and Her Majesty's Consul General at Muscat to assist representative of I.C.R.C. in any way they properly could in his negotiations with the Muscat and Zanzibar Governments. I gather that High Commissioner is optimistic about being able to finance repatriation provided Governments concerned agree.

4. Grateful for early instructions as to what reply I may give to the High Commissioner.

Foreign Office please pass Muscat 2, Zanzibar 2, POMEC (Aden)2.

[Repeated as requested to Foreign Service posts and Zanzibar]

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& Saving to UKMIS Geneva tel. no. 277 to the Foreign Office [9 July 10]: Manga ARABST MANGA

Negotiations with the Muscat authorities must remain the sole SOLE responsibility of the I.C.R.C. representative. You ~~should~~ may however, help with introductions and other formalities.

2. ~~We are already~~ should UKMIS Geneva WARN the I.C.R.C. that the Sultan will be leaving Muscat for the UK on July 27.

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Addressed to Muscat telegram No. 157 of July 13

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Consul General Geneva
Zanzibar

and Saving to:- POMEC (Aden) No. 104.

UKMission Geneva telegram No. 277 to the Foreign Office [of July 10: Manga Arabs.]

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July 15, 1964

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Repeated for information to: U.K. Mission Geneva
Consul General Geneva
Zanzibar

and Saving to: P.O.M.E.C.(Aden)

Your telegram No.157 to me.

I assume the person concerned will clear his visit in advance with the Sultanate authorities.

Foreign Office pass U.K. Mission Geneva No.3, Consul-General Geneva No.13 and Zanzibar No.13.

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Your Tel. no. 94 [of July 15: Red Cross representative's visit to Muscat].

We have advised Red Cross that he should do so.

C.D.P. 15/7.

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Consul General Geneva
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and Saving to:- POMEC (Aden) No. 108

Your telegram No. 94 [of July 15: Red Cross representative's visit to Muscat].

We have advised the Red Cross that he should do so.

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FROM
C.R.O. to Zanzibar

No. 675.

Dated July 10

Received
July 13.

(Outward Action)

SUBJECT: Manga Arabs.

International Red Cross in Geneva have agreed to help move Arabs to Muscat and are sending GEORGE HOFFMAN to Zanzibar next week to discuss arrangements.

Encloses Copy of:

References and Relevant Papers:

MINUTES

Mr. Hoffman will be going from Zanzibar to Muscat to attempt to obtain permission for these people to land.

AM 14/7

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Outward Telegram from Commonwealth Relations Office

TO: ZANZIBAR

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(Sent 19.18 hours 10th July 1964)

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Addressed Zanzibar No. 675 repeated Dar es Salaam No. 1331.

From Aspin.

My letter 2/56/705/8 of 30th June (not to Dar es Salaam).

ARAB REFUGEES

Have just heard from British Red Cross Headquarters that International Red Cross in Geneva have agreed to help move Arabs to Muscat and are sending George Hoffman (their Regional Director for Africa) to Zanzibar next week to discuss arrangements.

2. Red Cross glad if you would so inform their local representative, Phillips.

Copy to:-

C.R.O.

P.S. to Permanent Under Secretary of State
Mr. Walsh Atkins
Miss Storar
Mr. Aspin
Mr. de Burlet

Foreign Office

Mr. C.D. Powell
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UNR 18221/40

FROM
Mr. R. de Boulet C.R.O.
to Mr. C.D. Powell (Ld).

No.

Dated

Received
July 14

(Outward Action)

SUBJECT :
No future for Manga Arabs in Zanzibar. Very few, if any have the means to secure passage back to Muscat or Oman and we should press the Sultan to do more for his people.

Encloses Copy of :
Add'd Mr. T.L. Hostwait to Mr. N. Aopin C.R.O. ZAN. 75/18/9 of 6/7

References and Relevant Papers :

MINUTES

The Red + is now proposing to try to secure in Muscat permission for these people to land there.

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A) CRO to Zanzibar 706 id of 30/7

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COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE,
DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.I.

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C. D. Powell Esq.
Foreign Office

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C. D. Powell

Mr Tunnell.

Perhaps Mr. Tunnell would also be interested? RSB

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ZAN.75/18/9 6th July, 1964
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Thank you for your letter No. 2-EA/56/705/8 of the 30th June. I am so glad to hear that the P.U.S. had time to see Mrs. Adams. She has done a first-class job here and must have appreciated his interest.

2. As for the questions you ask in the final paragraph of your letter I have really very little to add to what I have already reported to the C.R.O. on several occasions. There is no future for the Manga Arabs in Zanzibar. They are regarded as foreigners whose loyalties are directed not to the Black African Government of Karume but to the Sultanate with its roots in Arabia and now in Britain. These people dare not go back to the countryside outside Zanzibar where most of them earned their living as shopkeepers or petty landowners. They congregate in Zanzibar city and the great majority are unemployed and rapidly becoming unemployable. With the run down of the economy there is little or no chance that they will ever be able to get work. Those who have any money (and they must constitute a small minority) must be living on their savings and will become completely destitute when these are exhausted. only a very small number (Mrs. Adams is much better able to estimate the

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N. Aspin, Esq.,
East Africa Political Department,
Commonwealth Relations Office,
LONDON, S.W.1.

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proportion than I am) have the money to pay their fares back to Muscat and Oman.

3. Mrs. Adams is again better able than I to assess the risk of the Red Cross being forced to close down its feeding and welfare operation. Karume has already shown some irritation that this operation has continued for so long. Phillips tells me that there is a possibility, which is at present relatively slight, that an unforeseen incident may lead to trouble at the Red Cross's main feeding centre. Apart from this I would not think that these Arabs are exposed to any particular danger at present. They might, however, again be at risk if there should at any time be intercommunal strife; there must be many Africans here who would exploit another opportunity for attacking the Arabs again.

4. Beyond a humanitarian desire to secure the removal of an unhappy, depressed minority to the country which they regard as their homeland, I can think of no particular reason why the British taxpayer should contribute to the cost of transporting these people back to their homeland. I know nothing about the circumstances of Muscat and Oman but it does seem to me that we ought to press the Sultan to do more for his people; or if he is too poor to do so, one would have thought that one of the rich Persian Gulf States could rally round. I recognise, however, that this may be altogether too naive a view of Arab politics.

(T.L. Crosthwait)

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TO: ZANZIBAR

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(Sent 19.55 hours on 30th July 1964)

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PRIORITY
No. 706 CONFIDENTIAL

Please pass following from British Red Cross to Phillips:

Begins:

"U.N.H.C.R. hopes to make a decision about charter late on 3rd August by which time Sultan's decision should be known". Ends.

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Copy to:-

C.R.O.

P.S. to P.U.S.
Mr.Walsh Atkins
Mr.Hunt
Mr.Aspin
Mr.de Burlet

Foreign Office

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UNR 18221/41

FROM
Mr. Hoft Geneva

No. 48

Dated July 15

Received
July 16

(Outward Action)

SUBJECT:
HOFFMAN will complete work in Zanzibar first and cannot reach Muscat before July 26th.

Encloses Copy of:

References and Relevant Papers:

MINUTES

Will it be feasible or useful for Hoffman to see the Sultan in London?

D Hunnex 16/7

Arabian Dept (Mr Powell)

Both I think. The Sultan will be staying at the Dorchester from July 28. We do not wish to get into a position of putting pressure on the Sultan since ① there is no reason at all why he should have to accept all the people, and ② His record of accepting them has been remarkably good. However, the Red Cross should get in touch directly

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23/2/65

with to Silvertown & telephoning the Director. If, however, they attach great importance to an early visit to Silvertown & are receive [illegible] me, we shall be prepared to do so.

C.A. Powell 20/7

U.2 Dept. (Mr. Powell).

AM 20/7

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Mr. Croft
No. 48
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D. 6.50 p.m. July 15, 1964.
R. 6.55 p.m. July 15, 1964.

UNR 18221/38

Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No.48 of July 15
Repeated for information to:- Muscat . Zanzibar
and Saving to:- POMEC (Aden)

Your telegram No. 80 [to Muscat 157 of July 13: Manga Arabs]

Red Cross state that owing to difficult connections, Hoffman cannot reach Muscat before July 26 and will complete work at Zanzibar first. If feasible, he will then travel to London to see Sultan. British Red Cross are aware of situation.

Foreign Office please pass Muscat No. 2, Zanzibar No. 2 and POMEC (Aden) Saving No. 5.

[Repeated as requested to Foreign Service posts, and Zanzibar]

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FROM F.O. Nimite
M. Powell

SUBJECT: Manga Arabs

I.C.R.C intend to send a representative to Zanzibar to ask the government to release any remaining Arab detainees.

No.

Dated June 9.

Received July 20.

Encloses Copy of:

References and Relevant Papers:

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Manga Arabs.

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Miss Robinson (British Red Cross) rang this morning, to inform me that the I.C.R.C. intended to send a representative to Zanzibar to ask the Govt. to release any remaining Arab detainees, and to make conditions bearable for the rest. From there, the delegate intends to go on to Muscat, armed with a list of Manga Arabs still in Zanzibar, to plead with the Sultan/Ministry of External Affairs to allow these Manga to return to Muscat, even though they do not hold/have lost their

Muscat
Omani passports.

2. Miss Ellinson wished to know whether we could issue a visa for the representative. I referred her to Captain Iredell, warning her that he would pass the application to Muscat before acting on it, and it would therefore take some time. (Miss Ellinson was under the impression that Muscat was a British Protected State).

3. Miss Ellinson also asked whether we would instruct our consul in Muscat to support the I.C.R.C. man's representations. I said that we had always made it clear to the Sultan's authorities that we thought the Kanga

[i.e. gummidge Omani]

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Arabs should be admitted to be Subjects, & would continue to do so. I was sure that Greaves would do everything possible to assist the Representative, and put him in contact with the proper authorities. He seemed to be satisfied with this.

4. Apparently there is a good chance of obtaining a ship to take the remaining Slaves off Zanzibar; but the Company will not commit itself until it has an assurance that all the passengers will be allowed to land in Muscat; the Sultan

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M.F.P

will only be agreed to this if all the passengers have previously applied for & been issued with Muscat travel documents. The I.C.R.C. representative is trying to break this deadlock by getting bulk clearance.

C.D. Powell
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Consular Dept.

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UN R18221/43

FROM Zanzibar to CRO c/d

No. 444

Dated July 23.

Received July 27.

(Outward Action)

SUBJECT: Nanga Arabs.
HOFFMAN brings to Geneva letter from Chief Representative of Nanga Arabs for presentation to Sultan of Muscat and Oman.

Encloses Copy of:

References and Relevant Papers:

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WCAO
RS 13/8

30/7

A) Zanzibar to CRO 451 of 28/7. 14/8

B) Zanzibar to CRO 453 of 30/7. 14/8

C) Zanzibar to CRO 456 of 4/8 14/8

D) Zanzibar to CRO 454 of 3/8 14/8

E) CRO to Zanzibar 712 of 6/8 14/8

F) C.R.O to Zanzibar, 716, 10/8

H) Zanzibar to CRO, 460, 11/8.

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FROM: ZANZIBAR

TO: COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE
CONGEN GENEVA

RPTD: MUSCAT

D: ZANZIBAR 12.55 hours, 23rd July, 1964
R: 13.45 hours, 23rd July, 1964

Mr.T.L.Crosthwait

CYPHER
IMMEDIATE

No.444 CONFIDENTIAL

Addressed Commonwealth Relations Office No.444, Congen Geneva, repeated Muscat.

Commonwealth Relations Office telegram No.693 - NT (not to Geneva).

MANGA ARABS

Please pass following to Red Cross London and Inter Croix Rouge Geneva from Phillips. Begins:

Hoffmann brings to Geneva letter from Chief Representative Manga Arabs, Sh. Abdulla for presentation to Sultan of Oman and Muscat in London stating all prospective passengers are of Omani origin. Individual identification impossible due destruction personal papers during revolution.

2. Hoffmann finds Zanzibar authorities less co-operative with Red Cross since last visit. In absence of Karume he not received by Vice-President. He and I have discussed question with Permanent Secretary External Affairs who after contacting Vice President informed us that question of written undertaking to grant permit exit of refugees must await Karume's return early next week.

3. Hoffmann leaves today for Geneva. We have agreed with External Affairs that (? I) will pursue matter with President and inform London/Geneva soonest. If authorisation obtained in time and documentation question is settled satisfactorily we can utilise vessel sailing 11th August. Ends.

2. I have also discussed with Tambwe Kambona's representative here. He said he would use his influence with Karume to grant authorisation required by Red Cross.

Foreign Office please pass Immediate Geneva No.M.304, Routine Muscat No.M.305.

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Foreign Office	Mr.C.D.Powell Mr.Tunnell

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Inward Telegram to Commonwealth Relations Office

FROM: ZANZIBAR (ACTING D.H.C.)

D: Zanzibar 16.30 hours 28th July 1964
R: 15.28 hours 28th July 1964

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UNR 18221/43 (A)

Mr. D.F.B. Le Breton

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No. 451 CONFIDENTIAL

My telegram No. 444.

UNR 18221/43

MANGA ARABS

Please pass following to Miss Whittington Red Cross from Phillips. Begins.

I am having some difficulty in obtaining clearance from Karume for departure of refugees. What is the deadline date for confirmation of charter of vessel? Will report further when position clearer. Ends.

Copy to:-

C.R.O.

Foreign Office

P.S. to Permanent Under Secretary of State
Mr. Walsh-Atkins
Mr. Hunt
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Mr. de Burlet
Mr. C.D. Powell
Mr. Doyle

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Inward Telegram to Commonwealth Relations Office

FROM: ZANZIBAR

TO: COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE
CONGEN GENEVA

RPTD: MUSCAT

D: Zanzibar 15.50 hours 30th July 1964
R: 16.53 hours 30th July 1964

Mr. D.F.B. Le Breton

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PRIORITY

No. 453 CONFIDENTIAL

Addressed Commonwealth Relations Office No. 453, Congen Geneva, repeated Muscat.

My telegram No. 451.

MANGA ARABS

Please pass following to Red Cross London and Inter Croix Rouge Geneva from Phillips.

Begins:-

Have just been informed that following an approach to President Karume from another source it is now possible that the necessary assurance will be given. External Affairs will not be able to let me know until Monday morning. Please hold Charter. Please ensure no publicity. Ends.

2. The other source referred to is Tambwe.

Foreign Office please pass Priority Congen Geneva No. M307 and Routine Muscat No. M308.

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Mr. Hunt
Mr. Aspin
Mr. de Burlet

Foreign Office

Mr. C.D. Powell
Mr. Doyle

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FROM: ZANZIBAR

RPTD: CONGEN GENEVA
MUSCAT

D: ZANZIBAR 17.00 hours 4th August, 1964.
R: 16.59 hours 4th August, 1964.

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- 6 AUG 1964
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Mr. D.F.B. LeBreton.

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No.456 CONFIDENTIAL

Addressed Commonwealth Relations Office No.456 Repeated Priority Congen Geneva and Muscat.

My telegram No.454. - UNR18221/43

MANGA ARABS

Please pass following to Redcross London from Phillips.

Begins:

Draft declaration ot yet submitted to President Karume having been mislaid byyMinister concerned who is now in Pemba for five days. Pending his return I can only give you verbal statement from External Affairs that it is most probable President will approve draft. If this is considered sufficient to engage charter I should be grateful information E.T.A. vessel and passenger capacity. Have closed list at 2,113 persons.

Ends.

Foreign Office please pass Congen Geneva No.M211 (sic), Muscat No.M312.

Note by Telegraph Section. The above has been passed as requested

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Mr. Hunt
Mr. Aspin
Mr. de Burlet

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Inward Telegram to Commonwealth Relations Office

FROM: ZANZIBAR

RPTD: CONGEN GENEVA
MUSCAT

D: Zanzibar 16.50 hours 3rd August, 1964
R: 06.11 hours 4th August, 1964

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Mr. D.F.B. Le Breton

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No. 454 CONFIDENTIAL

Addressed Commonwealth Relations Office No. 454, repeated Priority CONGEN Geneva and Muscat.

My telegram No. 453. UNR 18221/43

MANGA ARABS

Please pass following to REDCROSS London from Phillips. Begins.

External Affairs have submitted draft declaration to President and now inform me there is a delay. Am pressing for early decision. Please extend charter deadline if possible. Ends.

Foreign Office pass CONGEN No. M309 and Muscat No.M310.

Note by Telegraph Section: The above has been passed as requested.

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Mr. Walsh Atkins
Mr. Hunt
Mr. Aspin
Mr. de Burlet

Foreign Office Mr. C.D. Powell
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TO: ZANZIBAR

RPTD: CONGEN GENEVA
MUSCAT

(Sent 05.25 hours 6th August, 1964)

UNR 18221/43

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PRIORITY

No. 712 CONFIDENTIAL

Addressed Zanzibar No. 712, repeated CONGEN Geneva, Muscat (via Bahrain).

Your telegram No. 456.

MANGA ARABS

Please pass following from Red Cross London to Phillips: Begins:

Your cables dated 4th August received. Must warn you U.N.H.C.R. Geneva having difficulty over charter and reception so possibility whole operations might fail cannot be ignored. Will cable any further information soonest. Agree your suggestion re leave. Ends.

Copy to:-

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P.S. to Permanent Under Secretary of State
Mr. Hunt
Mr. Aspin
Mr. de Burlet

Foreign Office
" (U.N. Dept.)

Mr. C.D. Powell
Mr. J. Doyle

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Outward Telegram from Commonwealth Relations Office

Sultan

TO: ZANZIBAR

RPTD: CONGEN GENEVA
MUSCAT

(Sent 18.55 hours 10th August, 1964)

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PRIORITY

No. 716 CONFIDENTIAL

Addressed Zanzibar No. 716 repeated Congen Geneva and Muscat.

My telegram No. 712. – UNR18221/43

MANGA ARABS

Please pass following from Red Cross London to Phillips: Begins:

"In spite of all efforts regret Geneva unable charter ship immediately. Please inform those concerned and put blame on lack of clearance Zanzibar if you think fit. Hope charter another ship if and when reception arrangements completed. They request you continue efforts obtain clearance and ask you and Sheik Abdulla ascertain ages and tribes etc. of those on list. Please cable situation report after this setback". Ends.

2. Suggest you advise Phillips not to put blame on Zanzibar failure to provide full clearance. It seems that to do so could not help and might do harm. Moreover, main obstacle is refusal by Sultan of Muscat to agree to accept all who arrive, without which ship would probably not allow them to embark.

Copy to:-

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P.S. to Permanent Under Secretary of State
Mr. Fullerton
Mr. Hunt
Mr. Aspin
Mr. de Burlet

Foreign Office

Mr. J. Doyle
Mr. C.D. Powell

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Inward Telegram to Commonwealth Relations Office

FROM: ZANZIBAR

RPTD: MUSCAT
CONGEN GENEVA

D: ZANZIBAR 17.40 hours 11th August 1964
R: 18.24 hours 11th August 1964

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UNR 15221/43 (H)

Mr. J. Bourn

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PRIORITY

No. 460 CONFIDENTIAL

Addressed Commonwealth Relations Office No. 460, repeated Priority Muscat and CONGEN Geneva.

Your telegram No. 716.

MANGA ARABS

Please pass following to Miss Whittington Red Cross from Phillips. Begins.

Junior Minister External Affairs, Tambwe informs me Karume's assurance now a certainty and should be handed over within next 24 hours. Re your message passed to me today will process passengers tomorrow and send you information tribes ages soonest. Was contacted today by Mitchell Cotts agents for Panislamic who informed me they had been advised by UNHCR on 7th August firstly, that Sultan ready to admit Arabs originating Muscat Oman subject to screening by local Sheikh on board in Muscat harbour, secondly that UNHCR approaching Pakistan Government to take any Arabs not accepted Muscat. Agents also state ship to be chartered by UNHCR is SAFINA-E-HUJAJ. Is this information superceded by your today's message to me. This ship is now in Zanzibar and could take away all Arabs if reception arrangements can be completed by Friday. Same ship due visit Zanzibar again 4th September. Ends.

Foreign Office please pass Muscat No. M.316 and CONGEN Geneva No. M.317.

Note by Telegraph Section. The above has been passed as requested.

Copy to:-

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P.S. to Permanent Under Secretary of State
Mr. Fullerton
Mr. Hunt
Mr. Aspin
Mr. de Burlet

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Mr. C.D. Powell

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Outward Telegram from Commonwealth Relations Office

TO: ZANZIBAR

RPTD: CONGEN GENEVA
MUSCAT

(Sent 00.50 hours 13th August, 1964)

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No. 718 CONFIDENTIAL

Addressed Zanzibar No. 718 repeated Congen Geneva and Muscat.

UNR 18221/43

Your telegram No. 460. Please pass following to Phillips from Red Cross. Begins:

" MANGA ARABS

Further consideration given situation on receipt your cable 11th. If any Arabs have papers or can prove Omani-Muscat origin and are therefore acceptable to shipping company, please put them on board Friday and costs will be met. Efforts continuing to make firm arrangements reception Muscat or asylum elsewhere for Arabs sailing 4th September." Ends.

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P.S. to Permanent Under Secretary of State
Mr. Fullerton
Mr. Aspin
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TO: ZANZIBAR

RPTD: CONGEN GENEVA
MUSCAT

(Sent 12.40 hours 13th August 1964)

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PRIORITY

No. 719 CONFIDENTIAL

Addressed Zanzibar No. 719, repeated CONGEN Geneva and Muscat.

My telegram No. 718.

MANGA ARABS

Please add following to message for Phillips. Begins.

"When processing Arabs please find out country of origin of those who are NOT Omanis or Muscatis." Ends.

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Mr. Fullerton
Mr. Aspin
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FROM
M.D.F.B. le Breton
Zanzibar to C.R.O.(Kid)

No. 447

Dated July 25

Received
July 29

(Outward Action)

SUBJECT: Manga Arabs.

Can we or Geneva confirm or deny arrival of Soviet Red Cross vessel in Zanzibar.
Recommend that in view of feeling in Government circles all press releases be held Geneva until completion of operation.

Encloses Copy of:

References and Relevant Papers:

MINUTES

Arabian Dept (Mr. Bennett)

I wish it was true; but it seems unlikely.

C.D.T. 29/7.

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Inward Telegram to Commonwealth Relations Office

FROM: ZANZIBAR

D. ZANZIBAR 12.00 hours 25th July 1964
R. 12.47 hours 25th July 1964

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USR 1822/64

Mr. D.F.B. Le Breton

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PRIORITY
No. 447 CONFIDENTIAL

MANGA ARABS

Please pass folling to Miss Whittington Red Cross from Phillis (?Phillips). Begins:

Tass correspondent informs me he has heard that Soviet Red Cross vessel may be arriving Zanzibar. He has no further information but I would like to know if you or Geneva can confirm or deny this. Tanganyika Standard today carries report datelined Geneva giving inaccurate figure of number of Arabs for whom international Red Cross seeking evacuation. Strongly recommend that in view of feeling in Government circles here which Hoffmann will confirm all press releases be held over until completion of operation. Ends.

Copy to:-

C.R.O.
Mr. Aspin
Mr. Lindsay
Mr. de Burlet

Foreign Office
Mr. C.D. Powell
Mr. Doyle
Miss R. Spencer

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UNR 18221/45

FROM
Mr. R. de Boulet C.R.O. to Mr. Doyle

No.

Dated July 29

Received July 31

(Outward Action)

SUBJECT: (1) Summary of meeting held in Commonwealth Relations Office on July 22 1964 to discuss the transport of Manga Arabs from Zanzibar to Muscat.

(2) Summary of meeting held at the Red Cross Headquarters, Grosvenor Crescent SW 23 rd July 1964 to discuss the question of transport of Manga Arabs from Zanzibar to Muscat.

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References and Relevant Papers:

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Bahrain Dept (Mr. Powell)
C.D.S.
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COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE,
DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.I.

29. 7. 64

Mr. Doyle,
Foreign Office

With the Compliments

of

P. E. Bucket.

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Summary of a Meeting held in the Commonwealth Relations Office between Representatives of the British Red Cross, United Nations High Commission for Refugees, Foreign Office and Commonwealth Relations Office on 22nd July, 1964, to discuss the transport of Manga Arabs from Zanzibar to Muscat

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PRESENT:

Sir Patrick Renison Mrs. Janet Adams, M.B.E. Miss J. Whittington + one other?	British Red Cross
Mr. Kelly	United Nations High Commission for Refugees
Mr. Tunnell Mr. Doyle	Foreign Office
Mr. Aspin Mr. de Burlet	Commonwealth Relations Office

Sir Patrick Renison explained that the British Red Cross were very concerned that their arrangements for feeding 1,800 Manga Arabs in Zanzibar might be brought to a halt by the Zanzibar Government. If this happened the Arabs would be virtually destitute and he could see no alternative for them than to die of starvation. Their previous means of subsistence and their houses had been destroyed in the revolution. Moreover, in the event of any racial violence in the Island they would be a primary target for attack by the Africans. A large proportion of the Manga Arabs were women and children. Mr. Hoffman, the Representative of the International Red Cross, was now in Zanzibar. He was endeavouring to arrange documentation of the

/Arabs

Arabs which would enable their nationality to be established to the satisfaction of the Sultan of Muscat. When this task was accomplished it was hoped to charter a ship to take them to Muscat. By good fortune such a ship was available and would be calling at Zanzibar next month. The total cost of the operation would be £43,000. Sir Patrick said that the object of this meeting was to request Her Majesty's Government to provide at any rate some of the money necessary.

2. Mr. Aspin replied that the British Government were unable to make official funds available for this purpose. While they appreciated that this was a serious human problem, the Arabs in Zanzibar were not U. K. citizens and Britain had no responsibility for their present plight or for their removal to a place of safety.

3. Sir Patrick Renison said that there was a feeling in Geneva on the part of the United Nations High Commissioner that the British Government had a moral obligation towards Manga Arabs. Until Independence they had been citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies. The revolution had come so shortly after Independence that it was felt that their plight was a direct result of the granting of Independence.

4. Mr. Aspin said that it was unreasonable that the British Government should be pressed to abandon its colonial possessions and should then be held responsible for problems created by the deliberate action of the newly independent states. We no longer had any control over affairs in Zanzibar. Moreover, it would be politically difficult, and likely to be counter-productive, if we tried to intervene. We had been accused by the Government of

/Zanzibar

Zanzibar of harbouring the Sultan who was suspected of trying to obtain support from Arab countries for a counter-coup. Any action on our part to help the Manga Arabs would probably be misrepresented as part of an Arab plot. Now that the United Republic Government had assumed responsibility for foreign affairs and emigration, it might be worth considering an approach to that Government to find out whether they would be prepared to put up some money for moving out the Arabs from Zanzibar. /Following the meeting, Mr. Aspin spoke further to Sir Patrick Renison on this point and said that the Commonwealth Relations Office would be prepared to ask the Acting British High Commissioner in Dar es Salaam to speak to President Nyerere on behalf of the International Committee of the Red Cross. After consulting Geneva, Sir Patrick Renison told Mr. Aspin that the Committee would prefer no such approach to be made/ Mr. Kelly explained that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees was very keen to help but he had no money for this project since the Arabs were not technically refugees. The C.R.O. representatives indicated that they thought that this distinction was too fine. If Zanzibar were not an island, but had land frontiers, most of the Manga Arabs would, by any definition, be refugees.

Why?

5. Sir Patrick said that a meeting was to be held the next day (23rd July) with representatives from Oxfam, War on Want, Save the Children Fund and Christian Aid. At this meeting he would endeavour to raise the necessary money by a joint effort. It would be a great help if he could say that the British Government was also prepared to help. Mr. Aspin said he regretted that the Government's position was that it could not help financially in this matter.

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FROM F.O. Minute
Mr. T.F. Brenchley

No.

Dated July 29

Received July 31

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SUBJECT: Manga Arabs

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Since the revolution in Zanzibar more than 1,200 Arab refugees have arrived by dhow in Muscat, and have been allowed to land by the Sultanate authorities. There are, however, still 1,500 or so remaining in Red Cross camps in Zanzibar, for whom the Red Cross consider there is no future. They are all thought to be Omani in origin.

2. The Red Cross is trying to raise £43,000 to transport these people back to Muscat in bulk on August 11, when a suitable ship is leaving Zanzibar. The ship will not take them aboard unless they have prior permission to land at Muscat.

3. Mr. Hoffman of the International Committee of the Red Cross is coming to London in the hope of being able to persuade the Sultan to give bulk clearance for the landing of these Manga Arabs. The British Red Cross say that Mr. Hoffman will promise that any who turn out not to be of Omani origin will become the responsibility of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Sir Patrick Renison (British Red Cross) has asked whether we would help put Mr. Hoffman in contact with the Sultan.

4. We have always made it clear that we are not prepared to bring pressure to bear on the Sultan to admit the "Manga" Arabs. But there seems no harm in arranging a meeting between Mr. Hoffman and the Sultan. I therefore intend to tell the Sultan that Mr. Hoffman is to be in London from (today) — Wednesday, staying in the Dorchester, and wishes to meet him to discuss this subject.

T.F. Brenchley

T.F. Brenchley
July 29, 1964.

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FROM F.O. Minute Mr. Doyle

No.

Dated July 30

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SUBJECT: Manga Arabs.

Discussion with Mr. Kelly of UNHCR about the financing of the movement of 1,800 refugees from Zanzibar.

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Mr. Kelly, the London Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, called to see me this afternoon about the Manga Arabs. There are about 1,800 Manga Arabs still in Zanzibar: they are mainly children and old people. The British Red Cross are, at present, looking after them, but everyone agrees that there is no future for them in Zanzibar apart from being used as forced labour, left to starve, or murdered. Efforts are being made by the UNHCR and various voluntary organisations to have them moved to the Sultanate of Muscat and Oman. All, or at least the majority, of them are Omanis. The best prospect of doing this appears to be by means of a ship of the Pakistani line which is due to call at Zanzibar on August 11. The cost of chartering this ship will be about £43,000.

2. Mr. Kelly told me that Mr. Hoffman, a representative of the International Red Cross, has made an appeal to the Sultan to allow these people into Muscat. The Sultan was sympathetic but said he could give no definite reply until his advisor, Major Chauncey, returns to London on Monday next. Mr. Hoffman expects the reply to be favourable and will inform Mr. Kelly. Mr. Kelly thinks that if the transport is arranged and permission for the Manga Arabs to land in Muscat is granted, Mr. Karume, who has been difficult about them leaving Zanzibar, will have no option but to let them go.

3. On the question of finance, the position is as follows:

OXFAM have donated £10,000
Save the Children Fund £5,000
British Council of Churches £3,000
British Red Cross £2,000
War on Want (probably will donate) £3 - 5,000

4. Mr. Kelly said that the UNHCR now proposes to appeal to governments under the "good offices" resolution. Appeals will go to Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Switzerland and possibly West Germany. In answer to my query, Mr. Kelly said that he did not intend appealing to H.M.G. since he regarded the approach made last week as an appeal. I said that the visit to the C.R.O. by Sir Patrick Renison was an appeal from the British Red Cross, a private organisation, to H.M.G. in isolation. An appeal to a number of governments by an official body such as the UNHCR was a very different matter and that H.M.G. should be included in the list. He had already made the point that the Government's appeal would no doubt ask

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what H.M.G. were doing and I said that the answer to this should be that the UNHCR's appeal has also been made to H.M.G. and that a reply was awaited. Mr. Kelly again brought up the argument that H.M.G. were "morally involved" and I gave him the same reply as Mr. Aspin (C.R.O.) gave at last week's meeting, which was that H.M.G. was no more involved than any other government with the exception of that of Zanzibar and that her aid could be invoked only on humanitarian grounds. After some minutes of pointless discussion, Mr. Kelly finally asked me to regard his visit as an appeal to H.M.G. from the UNHCR and promised to send me the written communication the UNHCR intended to send to other governments. In Mr. Kelly's presence I telephoned Mr. de Barlet of the C.R.O. and gave him the gist of the above.

5. Earlier in the afternoon Mr. Miller telephoned from Geneva to say that Prince ~~Sadhudrin~~ Sadruddin had spoken in much the same terms to him.

6. I told Mr. Kelly that I would let him have a reply to his appeal as soon as possible.

(J. Doyle)
July 30, 1964.

Mr. Lambert Spoke JD 30/7

c.c.
Mr. de Barlet, C.R.O.

Mr. Powell, Arabian Dept.

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Dated July 30

Received July 31

SUBJECT: Manga Arabs

British Voluntary Organisations have pledged approximately £21,000, leaving balance of £20,000: ask whether H'M'G. will finance balance

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8) R de Dunbar Esqr. C.R.O. 31/7

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(Cp'd) Mr Wright, Washington.
Mr Duncan, Muscat
Mr Whitwell, Aden
High Commissioner, Dar-es-Salaam
Deputy High Commissioner, Zanzibar.

8) R.M. Jeal Esq., C.R.O. 8/9

8) Mr. Rhodes Fm.

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Mr. Kelly told me this morning that this telegram was authorised on the basis of its terms. I told him that HMG should not be appealed to in isolation and reminded him of our discussion yesterday (see § 4 of record attached.)

I have tried to persuade the CRO to put this matter to Ministers. I think Ministers should be aware of the problem whatever is done about replying to the UNHCR's appeal. They are reluctant to do so for no clearly defensible reason but it seems to me to be wholly a CRO responsibility.

Mr. Lambert to see

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Mr. Aspin rang me. He appears to have

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have had second thoughts. He will now bring this question to the attention of his Minister on Tuesday morning and will let me know the result.

Mr. Lambert 31/7/71
Arabian Dept (Mr. Pearce)

The latest position on this is that HMG have written to the Ty at Ministerial level suggesting that HMG donate £10,500. The Ty have not yet replied.

Regarding the Manga Arabs who may not be allowed to land in Muscat, Munir Sadruddin (the Deputy UNHCR) has appealed to Pakistan to accept them. The shipping line refuse to accept any Arabs for whom a guarantee that they will land somewhere is not available. There is a fair chance that the whole operation might fall thro'. From the FO point of view, we think that the Sultan of Muscat and Oman has done all that can reasonably be expected of him.

Mr. Pearce (Arabian Dept) 10/8

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Arabian Department are concerned at the revelation in the attached draft that we have committed ourselves to give the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees £10,000 to assist in the transport of Manga Arabs to Muscat.

2. Government Departments generally have told others concerned that these people are no longer British protected; that whether they can be regarded as Omanis is something on which the Sultan of Muscat will have to be satisfied; that we could not put pressure on him over this; and that we could not, financially, contribute to the operation.

3. In taking this line, we must have seemed hard-hearted to the agencies concerned. But we did not think it feasible to take any other. It was moreover notable that the Arabs were not lifting a finger to help their brothers in Zanzibar, though they continually attack the one Arab Ruler, the Sultan of Muscat, who has in fact accepted ~~12,000~~ 3500 of these people - even though they were second and third generation in many cases - and rejected only two, or perhaps three, who turned out to be Tanganyikans. Neither he nor we, moreover, could be particularly keen to have these people go to Muscat. Their antecedents there are among tribes which have caused political difficulty to the Sultan; and the Sultan lacks the resources for proper resettlement, so that his reception of them represents a considerable burden to him, or at least to his people and economy.

4. Moreover, had we intended to contribute in this business, the first claimants have in my view been the Red Cross - both British and International Committee. They have carried the whole burden of looking after these refugees in Zanzibar and making what arrangements have been made so far to get a proportion of them to Muscat. As to the size of contribution it is noteworthy that we have, as a Government, given the Red Cross agencies only £10,000 in some two years against the very heavy expenses of their operations in the Yemen, where the degree of human misery to be relieved is very much greater than it has been in Zanzibar, bad as conditions there undoubtedly are. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees has admittedly been active; but I do not think that it is unfair to suggest that his activity has been largely designed to ensure that these people did not become his charges, but should rather become the Sultan of Muscat's

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5. Yet now, it appears, it is the U.N. High Commissioner (admittedly working in consultation with the Red Cross agencies) who is to get £10,000. The Sultan of Muscat (who in the Red Cross opinion has behaved perfectly reasonably throughout) could conceivably take it slightly amiss that we should be contributing to an operation the real burden of which falls on him when we have told him that we have made it clear to all concerned that we are not disposed in any way to prejudice his decisions. In this respect, matters are not improved by the fact that the U.N. High Commissioner did not, as his representative had agreed, appeal to all governments, but on the evidence before us seems to have appealed only to Her Majesty's Government.

6. I do not know how other Departments concerned within the Office will feel. But since Arabian Department had no idea that this commitment to the High Commissioner was in question*, still less made, and since Arabian Department might well have dissented had they been consulted, I can only take note of the draft without either clearing it or, since it is clearly now inevitable, dissenting from its despatch. I should also like to suggest that someone other than Arabian Department should, if this is necessary, square the British Red Cross in respect of the repeated refusals of the Commonwealth Relations Office and the Foreign Office to contribute to this operation through Red Cross channels.

7. Consular Department and Conference and Supply Department will I think also be interested to note a sharp contrast in procedures which this reveals. A little while ago, the Prime Minister, without briefing by officials, told Parliament that if the Red Cross wanted further help in the Yemen they had only to ask. Not unnaturally, they asked within a few days. It took nearly two months to get the Treasury to honour the Prime Minister's word to the extent of £5,000. Yet it now appears that on the strength of a telephone call from the Duke of Devonshire to the Chief Secretary of the Treasury, twice that amount was authorised in the present instance virtually on the spot. While we might note this as a useful precedent for future cases, I am thankful that Arabian Department, again, will not have to answer any enquiries by the Public Accounts Committee.

(D. J. McCarthy)

August 13, 1964.

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is to forme any steps likely to help remove a potential source of trouble from Zanzibar.

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I think the Sultan of Muscat and Oman's position is well understood by the U.N.H.R.C.'s Office as also is H.M. Government's position vis à vis the Sultan.

2. On the question of who should have been offered this money, the C.R.O. saw political objections to the Red Cross on the grounds that the operation might turn out to be purely British. It was a different matter subscribing in response to a general appeal by the U.N.H.C.R. (other governments either have, or are being, appealed to. The Americans have already been asked to subscribe.)

3. I think it a little unfair to describe the U.N.H.C.R.'s activity as being "largely designed to ensure that these people do not become his charges". The U.N.H.C.R. could not, under the terms of his mandate, use his official funds for transporting the Manga Arabs from Zanzibar to Muscat because the Manga Arabs are in their country of origin. You may think this narrowly legalistic in this particular case but on general grounds H.M. Government prefer to see the U.N.H.C.R. sticking to the terms of his mandate.

4. Paragraph 6. The C.R.O. did not ask us to agree their submission to Ministers, and officials at desk level in the C.R.O. were not themselves aware of the precise terms of the submission. I was told that they hoped to get something I must, however, confess that if I had been told that H.M. Government were proposing to offer £10,000 it would not have occurred to me that we would have had any objections.

(J. Doyle)

August 17, 1964

Mr. Powell-Jones

I agree

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I agree with Mr Doyle's comments. Draft to Perera may issue.

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Have honour refer to problem Manga Arabs in Zanzibar seeking return to Muscat and Oman, for whom British voluntary agencies have pledged approximately £21,000, leaving balance approximately £20,000 to cover cost transport. Before appealing to various traditionally generous governments and in view of the relatively small amount involved, UNHCR most grateful to know whether Her Majesty's Government would find it possible to finance balance £20,000 required. Alternatively if Her Majesty's Government will guarantee this sum, UNHCR could conclude immediately arrangements with shipping company subject Sultan's willingness receive group in Oman. In these circumstances UNHCR would then seek contributions from other governments and United Kingdom and spread cost equitably among all donors. Most grateful your cooperation:

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(J. Doyle)

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FROM ~~[illegible]~~ Pardo
Mr Wraught Washington to Mr Pardo

No. 1823/1/16.

Dated August ~~17~~ 7

Received August 11.

SUBJECT: Nanga Arabs

Americans have received request for contributions from UNHCR to enable Air to settle further 2,000 refugees in Muscat and Oman.

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Since we are not
contributing to this, we
may not be keen
on the Americas
doing so

2. The Sultan has
been asked whether
he will accept the
refugees. He has agreed
to on certain
very stringent conditions -
i.e. the boat, must
remain in Muscat harbour
without unloading any
passengers until each
refugee has been
vetted, a guarantor has
been produced. The
Red Cross are not
sure that these
conditions can be met
in the case of the
boat leaving Zanzibar (on

Mr. Hoffman
of the I.C.R.C.
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3. I think this should be altered with you.

C. D. Powell 9/8

U.N. Dept. (Mr. Doyle).

We have now, in part, decided to make a contribution of £10,000. Please see the attached draft.

J.A. 12/8

Mr Powell (Arabian Dept.)

Draft on other points.

CDP 11/8

*) Mr D.F.B. Le Breton, Zanzibar to Mr Powell
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BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON, D.C.,
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Dear Powell,

Would you please refer to correspondence earlier this year about Manga Arab refugees from Zanzibar? The last paper we have seen here on the subject is Zanzibar telegram No. M.285 to Muscat.

2. Curtis Moore of the Arabian desk in the State Department told me this morning that the Americans have received a request for contributions from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Geneva, to enable him to settle a further 2,000 refugees in Muscat and Oman. Moore asked whether I had any information on this, since it was not clear from the request whether the Sultan had been consulted.

3. I said that I had not seen any recent correspondence on the subject, but that I would enquire. In reply to my question about the Americans' reply to the High Commissioner's request, Moore said that they had suggested that he should use his Emergency Fund for the purpose.

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4. I note from Foreign Office telegram No.5213 of April 17 to us, that you did not then consider this situation to be the direct concern of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees under his mandate. It would be interesting to know whether your view still remains the same.

5. I am sending a copy of this letter to Jock Duncan in Muscat, Whitwell in Aden, the Deputy High Commissioner, Zanzibar, and the United Kingdom Mission in Geneva.

Yours ever,

(P.R.H. Wright).

C.D. Powell, Esq.
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Zanzibar.

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C. D. Powell, Esq.
Arabian Dept. F.[illegible]

With the Compliments
of

Mr. D. F. B. Le Breton.

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M. Doyle
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BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION,
VUGA,
P. O. BOX 1180,
ZANZIBAR.

Ref: ZAN. 75/227/1

21st August, 1964

VNR 1822/1/49

MANGA ARABS

I enclose, just in case you have not already seen a copy of a letter reference 1823/7/8 of 7th August, from Wright in Washington about our Manga Arab refugees. I am not, of course, in a position to comment on what is the proper source of funds for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to draw upon to meet the costs of getting these Arabs away to Muscat, as he and the International Red Cross are trying to do. I assume, however, that it has been agreed in Whitehall that the U.N.H.C.R. is acting within his mandate and my purpose in writing is to stress the very parlous circumstances of these people at the moment and the necessity of removing them from Zanzibar as soon as possible.

2. Few of them are able-bodied; the majority are elderly or are women and small children. They have no independent means of support, nowhere to live and no means of earning their daily bread or of obtaining clothing and other necessities. The Zanzibar Government's attitude is that there is now complete equality between Arabs and Africans, and they are free to seek employment as they wish. In fact, this is totally untrue, because possession of an Afro-Shirazi Party Membership Card is an essential prerequisite for anybody obtaining employment, and moreover almost all employment vacancies are controlled by the Labour Department which gives preference to Africans. In theory there is nothing to prevent the Arabs from going into the rural areas and finding land to cultivate on equal terms with Africans, but this is not a practical possibility either. Any land or other property, such as small shops, which they owned before, has been taken from them, and anyway their lives would be in danger if they did try to go back to those areas. There have been two instances of Arab families who did go back to their land or property after they were released from detention and they were murdered by the local African thugs.

3. The continued idle existence of the refugees in the town is becoming a potential security problem. Some of them have already started begging, some women are said to have resorted to

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Commonwealth Relations Office,
London, S.W.1.

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prostitution, and it seems likely that the more enterprising may take to crime. If the Red Cross feeding programme has to be suspended for any reason the situation would become truly desperate. Enough money has been found to keep the programme going until next month, but there is no assurance after that. Mr. Hanga (in his capacity as Zanzibar Vice-President when Karume was away in July) has openly accused the International Red Cross representative here of working for an imperialist organisation which was only trying to stir up trouble. President Nyerere's recent statement in Cairo that Arabs and Africans in Zanzibar are now living in perfect amity was held by Hanga to be sufficient proof that no problem existed, and he described the special attention that the Red Cross and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees have been giving to the Arabs as malicious interference designed to embarrass the Zanzibar Government.

4. To conclude, these Arab families are certainly living in genuine refugee conditions, and it is scarcely an exaggeration to say their lives depend upon the present relief being given to them by the Red Cross together with their expectation that the latter and the U.N. High Commissioner between them will succeed in having them re-settled somewhere else. We hope very much therefore, that these organisations will pursue their efforts with undiminished zeal, and will enjoy the continuing support of H.M.G. behind the scenes. I emphasise these last words as the problem is not directly Britain's concern, though I think we have some moral responsibility for helping these unfortunate people to make a new start.

5. Copy of this letter goes to Powell in Arabian Department, Foreign Office, Wright in Washington, Duncan in Muscat, Whitwell in Aden, the British Consul-General in Geneva and Dawson in Dar es Salaam.

Yours ever,

(D. F. B. Le Breton)

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P.R.H. Wright,
Washington
from
C.D. Powell

Copy (with enclosure)
J. Greaves,
Muscat.

E. Doyle (U.N. Dept.)
for info.

Please refer to your letter 1823/7/8 of August 7 about Manga Ando refugees from Zanzibar.

2. I enclose a memorandum summarising developments on this question since last February. I do hope will be of some use to you in answering further enquiries from the State Department.

3. I believe that Doyle in United Nations Department has already replied

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M.F.P

replied to the question
raised in paragraph 4
of your letter.

4. I am sending
a copy of this letter,
and of its enclosure
to Greaves in Yuscat.

C.D.F.
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FROM
Consulate-Gen. Muscat to Arabian Dept.

No. 1821

Dated June 30

Received July 2

SUBJECT: Manga refugees. Charter of S.S. Santhia.
Individuals should apply for clearance direct to Dept. External Affairs, Muscat giving date + place of birth, tribe + reference.

Encloses Copy of:
Mr. Greaves Muscat to B.H.C. Zanzibar 1821 June 30.
Dept. of Ext. Affairs Muscat to Mr. Greaves. 840/8-2/a. June 28.

References and Relevant Papers:
-/12
-/11

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8) Mr. ~~Debenham~~ C.R.O. 6/7.
8c) U.K Mis Geneva 8/7

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I have given a copy of this to the C.R.O.

2. Individual applications to Muscat will take a long time; but if the Red Cross pass this recently compiled list to the Dept. of External Affairs, there is a chance, though remote, of bulk clearance.

C. D. Powell
6/7

U.N. Dept. (Mr. Tunnell). Thank you. Could this correspondence be copied also to UK Mis. Geneva please.

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Arabian Dept. (Mr Powell) Could you do this, please?

Arabian Division C.D.P. 6/7 C. D. Powell 8/7 x 8/7 14/8

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BRITISH CONSULATE-GENERAL
MUSCAT

Arabian Department,
Foreign Office,
London.

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BRITISH CONSULATE GENERAL,
MUSCAT.

June 30, 1964.

Dear High Commission,

We attach a copy of a self explanatory letter received from the Sultanate Department of External Affairs.

2. Would you please note particularly the requests in para 2.

3. I am sending copies of the letter, with enclosure, to Dar as Salaam and Nairobi and would be grateful if they would regard the same as addressed to them. I am also sending copies, with enclosure, to Arabian Department in the Foreign Office and to Residency in Bahrain.

(J. Greaves)

British High Commission,
Zanzibar.

COPY

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
MUSCAT.

No. 840/G-2/a. June 28, 1964.

Mr. Forrester, Manager of Gray, Mackenzie & Co. Ltd., has discussed with me the possibility of a B.I. steamer m.s. "SANTHIA" bringing about 1100 refugees from Zanzibar to Muscat early in August, 1964. He understands that the repatriates will be holding Omani Passports or emergency certificates. For the convenience of the shipping company I have advised him that repatriates holding valid Omani Passports will only be acceptable to the Sultanate as Omanis and there will be no objection to their entry into the Sultanate. As regards holders of emergency certificates I have told him that they will not be treated as bonafide nationals of this country in absence of any authority issued by the Sultanate. Mr. Forrester has since intimated Messrs Mackinnon Mackenzie in Bombay accordingly.

Although no instance of an emergency certificate issued by the British Consulars representatives in Zanzibar, Kenya and Tanganyika has been brought to our notice so far but it will be advisable to intimate these authorities that no emergency certificate may kindly be granted to any individual who claims to be an Omani without reference to this office. I further suggest that the Consular Authorities may kindly be asked to advise individuals to apply for clearance direct to this office giving place and date of birth in Oman, name of the tribe and reference of well known persons in their home town who can vouch for them.

J. Greaves, Esq.,
Acting British Consul General,
Muscat.

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FROM F.O. Minute Mr Powell (Enclosed letter)

No.

Dated August 6.

Received August 12.

SUBJECT: Encloses list for transmission to the Ministry of Internal Affairs Bt. Red Cross are hoping to charter S.S. SAFIRACHUJAZ to transport 2,000 from Muscat.

Encloses Copy of:

References and Relevant Papers:

(Outward Action)

Dft) Mr Greaves Muscat from Mr Powell 4/8 (Cr. D – Dept)

Dft) Mr. Greaves Muscat from Mr. Goulding 15/9

Dft) Muscat 224 of 21/9

Dft) Miss Evelyn Bark, British Red Cross. from H.C.D Powell. ~~of 29~~ 1/10.

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It looks as though this operation will fall thro'. The ship is now in Z and is due to sail on Friday (Aug 14th). 11/8

A) Miss E. Bark Brit. Red Cross to Mr. M.I. Goulding of 9/9

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B) Muscat No 124 of 22/9

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C) Muscat. No. 130 of 29/9

I have informed Miss Holden of the British Red Cross. Bahrain Dept (Mr. Goulding) 29/9

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

August 4, 1964.

Chauncy has asked me to pass the enclosed list to you, for transmission to the Ministry of External Affairs.

2. The International Red Cross are hoping to charter the S.S. Safirachujaz to transport 2,000 Manga Arabs from Zanzibar in the middle of this month. The Sultan has tentatively agreed that they can land in Muscat, but only on the following conditions, which he would like passed to the Ministry of External Affairs.

(a) The ship must anchor off Muscat.

(b) No one must land unless cleared by immigration.

(c) Sayyid Thuwaini is to be in charge assisted by External Affairs Office. Whilst the Ministry of Interior Office should help in getting Shaikhs and anothers for verification purposes, the actual verification must be done finally by Immigration and Ministry of External Affairs Office, and not by Ministry of Interior staff.

(d) The police must ensure that there are no boats around the ship to enable unauthorised persons to land, and Captain must be responsible for seeing that no one lands elsewhere than Muscat.

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Each Shaikh must sign a guarantee of responsibility that he knows refugees and will be responsible for behaviour and well-being. Same principle for those belonging to Muscat town. None for the interior should wait about in Muscat after clearance.

(e) The enclosed lists do not give tribes but it may be possible to verify these prior to arrival.

(f) There will thus be some delay to the ship, but a condition that must be accepted by the refugee organisation is that the ship will wait till the operation is over and carry away unacceptable persons. This will be confirmed by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

(C. D. Powell)

J. Greaves, Esq.,
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J. Greaves Esq.,
Muscat

from
M.I. Goulding

Reg'd

With reference to Charles Powell's letter of August 4, I now enclose two copies of a further list of Muscat Arabs who wish to be repatriated to Muscat and Oman. The Red Cross have already sent one copy to the Muscat Secretary for External Affairs (I enclose a copy of their letter), but have asked that you should pass another copy ~~back~~ to ensure safe delivery. The second copy enclosed is for your retention.

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

September 15, 1964.

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(M.I. Goulding)

J. Greaves, Esq.,
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EB/EL'E

9th September 1964

M. I. Goulding, Esq.,
Foreign Office,
S.W.1.

Dft to Muscat MG 10/9

Dear Mr. Goulding,

In confirmation of telephone conversations between your Department and my Deputy, Miss Thompson, I enclose a copy of letter we have sent direct by registered airmail to the Secretary of External Affairs in Muscat/Oman. Also enclosed are two further copies of the list of Manga Arabs wishing to be repatriated. Major Chauncy advised us to ask you to despatch these documents to Muscat - one copy for the Secretary for External Affairs and one copy for the information of the British Consul - and we should be extremely grateful for your help.

Yours sincerely,

MISS. Evelyn Bark

Evelyn Bark
Director International Affairs

JT/EL'E

9th September 1964

The Secretary for External Affairs,
Sultanate of Muscat and Oman,
Muscat.

REGISTERED AIRMAIL

We attach a list of Manga Arabs who wish to be repatriated from Zanzibar to Muscat/Oman. We understand that Major Chauncy has already written to you about this list and has asked that you should do everything possible to expedite the clearance of the families concerned. The matter is most urgent and we should be extremely grateful for your help, since there is another ship sailing from Zanzibar about 1st October.

Perhaps as soon as a reasonable number have been cleared you would be kind enough to let us know by cable so that arrangements may be made for their embarkation on any other ships available.

Every effort has been made to compile an accurate list with as many particulars as possible, but some families who have already gone to Muscat may be included.

Evelyn Bark
Director International Affairs

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Goulding's letter ~~UNR~~ UNR 18221/5 of September 15: Manga Arabs.

Please ask Department of External Affairs to telegraph to Red Cross, London, as soon as possible the family numbers of those on the list enclosed with Goulding's letter under reference whom they have been able to clear. A suitable ship (for them) leaves from Zanzibar on October 1.

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Goulding's letter UNR18221/5 of September 15: Manga Arabs.

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Mr. Duncan

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Your telegram No.224 of September 21.

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Letter under reference not received. It is presumably in the bag arriving the 25th. We will stress the urgency, but Red Cross should perhaps be warned that time available for clearances for October 1 sailing is very short.

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Your telegram No.224 of September 21.

AT The Sultanate authorities have asked for our good offices in urgently informing the Red Cross that clearance is granted for the Ani family, serial numbers, 79, 374, 465, 466, 467, 468, 122, 26, 33, 34, 35, 44, 57, 59, 76, 186, 192, 308, 309, 556, 571, 585, 6, 10, 12, 27, 149, 311, 322, 381, 422, 471, 557, 583, 58, 93, 131, 137, 164, 478, 21 and 464. JB.

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Oct 1, 1964

Please refer to your letter EB/EL'E of September 9th to Goulding about the clearance of Omani boats in Zanzibar for entry into Muscat.

I have now received a telegram from Muscat which reads:-

[A-B of Muscat tel No 130 to F.O.]

I understand that the contents of this telegram were telephoned to Miss Holden of your office on the evening of Sept 29th.

20/9

M.F.P

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

October 1, 1964.

(UNR 18221/51)

Please refer to your letter EB/EL'E of September 9 to Goulding about the clearance of Manga Arabs in Zanzibar for entry into Muscat.

I have now received a telegram from Muscat which reads:-

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(C. D. Powell)

Miss Evelyn Bark,
The British Red Cross Society,
14 and 15, Grosvenor Crescent,
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FROM M.A.B. Hodgson Brit. Red. Cross to Mr. Doyle

No. ABH/DD

Dated August 14

Received August 17

SUBJECT: Manga Arabs

Asks whether a temporary place of asylum could be found for any Arabs whom the Sultan of Muscat - Oman might not be able to accept.

Encloses Copy of:

References and Relevant Papers:

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Dft) Rf. de Burlet (CRO) from Mr Doyle, d in d 17/8

Dft) Mr. A.B. Hodgson Brit. Red Cross. from Mr. Doyle (D in D) 1/9

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Dft CRO to CO.

Arabian Dept (Mr. Parker) See also pl

WCAD (Mr. Mansfield) 19/8

JH 17/8

I do not believe that there is much to be gained from an approach by U.N.H.C.R. to the Trucial States Rulers, Bahrein or Qatar. We shall not be able to tell them in advance how many refugees would be involved - surely an essential consideration for them. They would in any case probably insist on the same conditions being observed as in Muscat, i.e. the refugees would (leave

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have to be vetted before being allowed ashore. And finally we tried several months ago to place some ex-Zanzibar and police officers in the Gulf States, but could not get any helpful response from them.

2. A possibly fruitful line of action that U.K. Govt. might suggest to the Red Cross is that they should ask the ex-Sultan of Zanzibar to appeal to the Ruler of Bahrain (with whom he is on friendly terms) to accept his fellow refugees temporarily.

C. D. Powell
13/8.

Yes: but the ex-Sultan did buy the Sultan of Muscat's Oman fort. Has the ex-Sultan any other friends among the Arab rulers — or indeed anywhere — who would, at a price, be prepared to take in his former subjects?

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Mr. de Bunsen (CRO) has asked me to regard §4 of his letter at 1/36 as his dept's reply.

JA 26/8

Mr Hodgson.

I gave the gist of para 2 orally to Miss Tuple (?) of the Red X Overseas Branch.

JA 29/8

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ABH/DD

14th August, 1964.

Dear Mr Doyle,

Manga Arabs from Zanzibar.

With reference to our telephone conversation this afternoon on the subject of the transport to Muscat and Oman of Manga Arabs from Zanzibar, as you are aware this operation is being undertaken by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees in Geneva, working in consultation with this Society through the International Committee of the Red Cross.

The British Red Cross Society's representative in Zanzibar, Mr. Nicholas Phillips, has now reported that the Zanzibar Government have given official approval for the departure of the Arabs concerned, who, with their dependents, have been listed and total 2113 persons.

The Adviser to the Sultan of Muscat and Oman, who is in London, has informed us that the Sultan cannot accept without question any person holding only the Zanzibar Government's identification papers or any documents other than Omani passports, but that the Sultan is willing to accept all those who may be successfully screened by the Muscat and Oman authorities on board ship on arrival at Muscat.

The shipping company concerned has not agreed to take on board any Arabs without a guarantee that they will be accepted for disembarkation either at Muscat or at another port, and for this reason it has not proved possible to make use of the ship which will have sailed today from Zanzibar for Muscat. A further ship is, however, to sail from Zanzibar on the 4th September, 1964 and therefore it is in this connection that we have received a telegram dated 13th August from the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva, the

relevant passages from which read as follows:-

"Have had meeting with High Commissioner Schnyder who repeated UNHCR will continue guarantee financing evacuation Manga Arabs Muscat. Chief obstacle remains problem of possible rejectees not acceptable to Sultanate as shipping company refuses to transport bulk of Manga Arabs from Zanzibar without receiving guarantee that every passenger can be disembarked. Previous experience seems to indicate that comparatively few rejectees are to be expected. As imperative in the present deadlock to find solution for possible rejectees would greatly appreciate if you could approach Foreign Office in order to secure asylum for them in countries where British influence prevalent. Considering precarious situation Zanzibar ICRC feels evacuation should be carried out now." End of message.

The purpose of this letter is therefore to ask whether urgent enquiries can be made by the Foreign Office to ascertain whether a temporary place of asylum could be found for any Arabs whom the Sultan of Muscat and Oman might not be able to accept. It is to be hoped that such a place of asylum could be found in one of the neighbouring territories to Oman or at a port within the Southern Arabian Federation. Full tribal details of the persons concerned have, we understand, now been obtained by our representative in Zanzibar and should reach us early next week. It may well be that these details will reveal that some of the Arabs concerned do in fact originate from the Hadramaut.

I should add that the Sultan of Muscat and Oman has proved most cooperative throughout these negotiations and it is not expected that the proportion of these Arabs listed who may be rejected will be high. For your information, only five were rejected from those who recently reached Muscat by dhow from Zanzibar out of a total of 1,654, and those five were eventually absorbed in Oman after further negotiations.

You will appreciate that this matter is of some urgency as it will be essential to find an alternative place of asylum before negotiations can be completed with the shipping company for the sailing on 4th September. We understand that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will accept full responsibility for any such persons who were being temporarily held pending their eventual resettlement.

Yours sincerely

A. B. Hodgson
Assistant Secretary.

J. Doyle, Esq.,
United Nations Department,
Foreign Office,
Whitehall, London, S.W.1.

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

August 17, 1964.

UNR 18221/52

I have received a letter from the British Red Cross about the Manga Arabs in which they say that they have received the following telegram from the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva:-

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2. As the ship they have in mind will sail on September 4, they have asked me to treat this matter as of some urgency. I should be glad, therefore, to have your comments as soon as possible.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Co.

(J. Doyle)

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17/8

R.P. de Burlet, Esq.,
Commonwealth Relations Office.

A.B. Hodgson Esq.
Assistant Secretary,
The British Red Cross Society,
14 & 15 Grosvenor Crescent,
London S.W.1.

Dear

Thank you for your letter ABH/DO of August 14th about the International Committee of the Red Cross's request to you to "approach the Foreign Office in order to secure asylum for them [Omanis Arabs refused permission to enter Muscat] in Countries where British influence prevails."

I fear that the International Committee do not fully understand the position of Her Majesty's Government in the States in the area in question. In general, Her Majesty's Government is responsible for the external relations of these States but domestic matters are exclusively wholly in the hands of the local governments. The influence referred to by the International Committee (is

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I hope this information will be of some use to you.

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

September 1, 1964.

(UNR 18221/52)

Thank you for your letter ABH/DD of August 14 about the International Committee of the Red Cross's request to you to "approach the Foreign Office in order to secure asylum for them [Manga Arabs refused permission to enter Muscat] in countries where British influence prevalent."

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(J. Doyle)

A.B. Hodgson, Esq.,
Assistant Secretary,
The British Red Cross Society,
14 & 15 Grosvenor Crescent,
S.W.1.

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UNR1822/1/53

FROM N.A.B. Hodgson
British Red Cross Society c/o

SUBJECT: Nanga Arabs
Note of Meeting of Disaster Emergency committee on July 23

No.

Dated

Received August 17.

Encloses Copy of:

References and Relevant Papers:

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You may like
to see this, we have
it agreed U.N.
2. The meeting mentioned
in the penultimate
para. has been
arranged. C.D. Powell

(Miss Arab)

With the U.N. Dept (Mr. Doyle.)

Compliments of the Assistant Secretary

A.B.Hodgson, Esq.,

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BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY,
14 & 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT,
LONDON, S.W.1.

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY

14, Grosvenor Crescent,
London, S.W.1.

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NOTES OF A MEETING OF THE DISASTERS EMERGENCY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM AT No. 14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT AT 2.30 P.M. ON THURSDAY, JULY 23rd.

Present

Sir Patrick Renison, British Red Cross Society (In the Chair)
Lord Astor, Chairman, Standing Conference of British Organisations for the Aid to Refugees,
Mr. B. J. Dudbridge, Christian Aid,
Mr. R. K. Britton, Oxford Committee for Famine Relief
Mrs. Middleton, War on Want,
Major J.P. Fonseca, Save the Children Fund,
Miss G. Watts, Standing Conference of British Organisations for Aid to Refugees,
Mr. J.D.R. Kelly, Representative of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,
Mr. A.E.W. Williams, Conference and Supply Department, Foreign Office,
Mr. C. D. Powell, Arabian Department, Foreign Office,
Mr. R. de Burlet, Commonwealth Relations Office (East African Political Department)

Secretary to Committee: Mr. A.B. Hodgson

In attendance: Miss Whittington, Overseas Development Department, B.R.C.S.
Miss Thompson, International Affairs Department, B.R.C.S.

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The Chairman stated that he had called this meeting in order to inform the Members of the present position of the Manga Arabs in Zanzibar. Briefly, there were now some 1,800 Arabs, men, women and children, mainly concentrated in Zanzibar town who wished to leave Zanzibar and Pemba. All of them were destitute having lost their possessions in the recent revolution and most of them were being fed through the good offices of the Red Cross. There was no future for any of these people in Zanzibar and the only satisfactory solution for them would be their removal from the country.

The United Nations High Commissioner in Geneva working with the International Red Cross had ascertained that a pilgrim ship from the Pakistan Pan Islamic Shipping Line could be made available to transport these Arabs on the 11th August. The cost of chartering this ship in order to move the 1,800 persons concerned had been quoted at £24 per head, making a total of some £43,000. The International Committee of the Red Cross had no funds available nor could the United Nations High Commission ear-mark any funds for this purpose as the Commission's charter empowered it to deal only with refugees; the Arabs concerned could not be defined as refugees while they were still in Zanzibar.

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had discussed the matter at length with representatives of both the Commonwealth Relations Office and the Foreign Office with a view to seeking a grant from Her Majesty's Government to assist in the transport of these people, but the reply which he had received was that there was no case which could be put to the Treasury for any special vote for this purpose.

He had therefore called a meeting of the Committee in order to acquaint the voluntary organisations with the position and to discover whether they would be prepared to contribute at least a part of the cost of the operation. He then asked Miss Adams, who had recently returned from Zanzibar where she had been in charge of the camps for those in detention, to outline the conditions under which these people were living.

Miss Adams gave a brief history of events from the outbreak of the revolution to the present time. A great number of Arabs had been slaughtered in the first few days of the revolution and those who remained had had all their property and land confiscated and, in spite of promises that they would be able to return to their homes, had found to their cost that it was quite impossible to do so; they were likely at any moment to suffer even further hardships. It was therefore abundantly clear that there was now no future for them in Zanzibar and the only solution for their future was their removal from the island. Approximately one-half of the 1,800 concerned were children; indeed a later report from Zanzibar had indicated that the number of children concerned might be as high as 1,400 and the number of adults approximately 1,100.

Mr. de Burlet of the Commonwealth Relations Office gave the British Government's view on the situation and explained why the Government could not make any contribution to the cost of the transporting of the Arabs. In reply to a suggestion that the Commonwealth Relations Office should approach the Government of Tanganyika and Zanzibar to discover whether that Government would agree to assist financially in this exercise, Mr. de Burlet said that they would prefer such an approach to be made at the request of the International Red Cross.

Mr. Kelly said that the United Nations High Commission were most concerned with this problem and although they could not raise any money towards the cost as the Arabs were not technically refugees at present, the United Nations High Commission might agree to help with the administrative arrangements for any transport which could be obtained.

Mr. Britton on behalf of Oxfam stated that his Committee would be prepared to find one-quarter of the cost of chartering this ship if the balance could be found from other sources.

Major Fonseca said that the Save the Children Fund were interested and would help but in view of the large sums involved he would have to consult his Organisation before he could say what the contribution would be.

Mrs. Middleton undertook to consult with Mr. Harcourt Munnings, who was due to return to this country from Yugoslavia at the end of the week as to whether the War on Want could also contribute.

Mr. Dudbridge also promised to consult with the Christian Aid Executive in the light of the facts which had been put before him at the meeting.

It was agreed that action should proceed on the basis that the voluntary organisations between them would underwrite at least £21,000, being approximately half of the cost of the proposed ship's charter, if the balance of the money could be found from other sources.

Lord Astor suggested that Lord Inchyra as Chairman of the Committee should take the matter up with Her Majesty's Government at a higher level and that publicity should, if necessary, be given to this matter. The Chairman said that he was intending to discuss the matter with Lord Inchyra.

Apart from the financial difficulties, the Chairman explained that M. Georges Hoffman, representing the International Committee of the Red Cross, was at present in Zanzibar discussing possible travel arrangements with the Government there. M.. Hoffman was due to return to Geneva in the next day or

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so, and his report was awaited. It was hoped that M. Hoffman could then come to London and discuss the matter with the Sultan of Muscat, and the good offices of the Foreign Office had been promised to arrange an interview between the Sultan and M. Hoffman. Mr. Powell confirmed assistance in this respect.

The representatives of the various Organisations present having undertaken to report to their Committees and to keep in touch and the representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees having undertaken that his Organisation would handle any money presented, the Chairman said that he would pursue the suggestions made at the meeting and would keep all Organisations informed of progress.

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UNR18221/54

FROM Zanzibar to CRO c/d

No. 461

Dated August 13.

Received August 17.

(Outward Action)

SUBJECT: Manga Arabs

Arabs holding documents saying they are Omani subjects and those proved to be naturalised Zanzibaris Omani born can be enbarked

Encloses Copy of:

References and Relevant Papers:

UNR 18221/43.

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A) C.R.O. to Zanzibar, 720 of August 14

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Inward Telegram to Commonwealth Relations Office

FROM: ZANZIBAR

RPTD: CONGEN GENEVA
MUSCAT

D: Zanzibar 16.35 hours 13th August, 1964
R: 16.35 hours 13th August, 1964

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17 AUG 1964
UNR18221/54

Mr. J. Bourn

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PRIORITY

NO. 461 CONFIDENTIAL

Addressed Commonwealth Relations Office No. 461, repeated CONGEN Geneva and Muscat.

Your telegram No. 718. UNR18221/43

MANGA ARABS

Please pass following to Red Cross from Phillips. Begins.

Declaration approved being posted ICRC Geneva.

2. Ships agents Zanzibar today received following cable from Karachi agents "in circumstances regret cannot accept Arab refugees unless holding documents United Nations assurance relanding Muscat therefore drop this voyage".

3. However view your todays cable we can embark firstly Arabs holding identity documents issued by Zanzibar authorities stating they are Omani subjects secondly Arabs holding emergency certificates issued by Zanzibar authorities stating they are naturalised Zanzibaris Omani born. Final figures must await completion of processing.

4. Local agents agreeable accept these documents provided Karachi agents give agreement which is subject to United Nations assurance that Arabs will be landed Muscat. Grateful you urge UNHCR give such assurance to Karachi if possible and Karachi agents must cable Mombasa and Zanzibar agents before 16.00 hours local time Friday.

5. Grateful confirmation on steps taken. Details numbers embarked tribes ages will follow in due course. Ends.

Foreign Office please pass CONGEN Geneva No. M318 and Muscat No. M319.

NOTE BY TELEGRAPH SECTION: The above has been repeated as requested.

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Foreign Office	Mr. J. Doyle Mr. C.D. Powell

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Outward Telegram from Commonwealth Relations Office

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TO: ZANZIBAR

(Sent 16.35 hours 14th August 1964)

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No. 720 CONFIDENTIAL

Your telegram No. 461. UNR 1822 1/54

MANGA ARABS

Please pass following from Red Cross to Phillips: Begins: Regret that SULTAN confirms Zanzibar documents not acceptable. Not possible to get information you require from U.N.H.C.R. in time allowed must therefore concentrate on September ship. Ends.

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P.S. to Permanent Under Secretary of State
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UN R 18221/55

FROM Zanzibar to CRO

SUBJECT: Manga Arabs

Requests instructions after Sultans refusal to accept Zanzibar documents.
Query about Soviet Red Cross consignment.

No. 462

Dated August 15

Received August 18.

Encloses Copy of:

References and Relevant Papers:

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The last sentence is surely not true. I can see no reason why the Soviets should want to put in an this act.

Arabian Dept (Mr. Fenn) MMC 21/8 19/8
Northern Dept. (Mr. Cranwick)
WCAS (Mr. Mansfield)

A) C.R.O. to Zanzibar, No 721, August 18 21/8

B) Zanzibar to C.R.O., No 464, August 18 21/8

C) C.R.O. to Zanzibar, No 722, August 19 21/8

D) CRO to Zanzibar, No. 723 August. 19. 21/8

(E) Zanzibar to C.R.O. No. 466 August. 21. 25/8

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Inward Telegram to Commonwealth Relations Office

FROM: ZANZIBAR

TO: COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE
CONGEN GENEVA

D. ZANZIBAR 14.15 hours 15th August 1964
R. 13.52 hours 15th August 1964

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18 AUG 1964
UNR18221/55

Mr. J. Bourn

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PRIORITY

No. 462 CONFIDENTIAL

Addressed Commonwealth Relations Office No.462 and CONGEN GENEVA NO. M.320.

MANGA ARABS

Please pass following to Red Cross London and Inter Croix Rouge Geneva from Phillips. Begins.

Your yesterday's message received was ready to embark 904 passengers plus infants in arms possessing documents but in absence U.N. assurance re landing Karachi agents instructed vessel to sail. View Sultan's refusal accept Zanzibar documents which are only ones we can obtain await your further instructions. Grateful if league Geneva could discover why consignment of sugar, beef, fabrics, milk, rice from Soviet Red Cross arriving Zanzibar 22nd August per CHRISTINA BGODIN ex Antwerp consigned to Soviet Embassy for distribution and not local Red Cross. Ends.

Foreign Office please pass to Geneva.

Note by Telegraph Section: The above has been passed to Geneva as requested.

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Mr. Aspin
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Foreign Office

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19/8

TO: ZANZIBAR

RPTD: CONGEN GENEVA
MUSCAT

(Sent 01.30 hours 18th August 1964)

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20 AUG 1964
UNR 18221/55 (A)

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No. 721 CONFIDENTIAL

Addressed Zanzibar No. 721, repeated CONGEN Geneva and Muscat.

Your telegram No. 462. UNR 18221/55

MANGA ARABS

Please pass following from Red Cross London to Phillips: Begins.

"Sultan has now agreed that provisional clearance can be given to individual Arabs prior to embarkation Zanzibar provided following details are made available to Muscat authorities in advance: (1) full travel details (2) name of Shiek (3) family connection in Oman whom individuals hope to contact. Sultan adds photos of heads of families would be most helpful although not essential. We appreciate you will already have collected part of above information and grateful you send us full details by quickest possible means if necessary in batches. We will then forward details to Muscat and advise results as soon as known. We have original list of 1740 assume will send supplementary list when details collected. Processing of details in Muscat may take up to 3 weeks meanwhile UNHCR making further inquiries other ships. Your inquiry regarding Soviet Red Cross shipment passed to Geneva." Ends.

Copy to:-

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P.S. to Permanent Under Secretary of State
Mr. Fullerton
Mr. Aspin
Mr. Hunt
Mr. de Burlet

Foreign Office

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Mr. C.D. Powell

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Inward Telegram to Commonwealth Relations Office

Enter J.A. 19/8

FROM: ZANZIBAR

RPTD: CONGEN GENEVA
MUSCAT

D. ZANZIBAR 12.10 hours 18th August 1964
R. 12.10 hours 18th August 1964

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Mr. J. Bourn

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No. 464 CONFIDENTIAL

Addressed Commonwealth Relations Office No.464, repeated CONGEN Geneva and Muscat.

Your telegram No. 721. VNR 18221/55

MANGA ARABS

Please pass following to Red Cross London from Phillips. Begins:

Information requested in your message of 10th August will be despatched tomorrow together with supplementary list bringing total to 2113.

2. Request for full travel details not understood. Please clarify.

3. Will do best to obtain details of names of Sheikhs and family connections but it will take some days and people are naturally getting restive under constant interrogation. Ends.

Foreign Office please pass priority CONGEN No.M.321 and Muscat No.M.322.

Note by Telegraph Section: The above has been passed as requested.

Copy to:

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Mr. Fullerton
Mr. Aspin
Mr. Hunt
Mr. de Burlet

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Mr. C.D. Powell

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Outward Telegram from Commonwealth Relations Office

TO: ZANZIBAR

(Sent 07.22 hours 19th August, 1964)

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No. 722 CONFIDENTIAL

My telegram No. 721.

MANGA ARABS

Please pass following from Red Cross London to Phillips:

Begins:

"Can you estimate time it will take you to obtain information requested in yesterday's cable and how long existing Red Cross funds will last. Your messages 4th, 5th, 11th, 13th, 15th and letters July 29th, 5th August received. I.C.R.C. being kept fully informed." Ends.

Copy to:-

C.R.O. Mr. de Burlet
Mr. Lindsay

Foreign Office Mr. J. Doyle

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Outward Telegram from Commonwealth Relations Office

TO: ZANZIBAR

RPTD: CONGEN GENEVA
MUSCAT

(Sent 15.20 hours 19th August, 1964.)

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CYPHER

No. 723 CONFIDENTIAL

Addressed Zanzibar No. 723, repeated CONGEN Geneva, Muscat.

My telegram No. 721. UNR 18221/55

MANGA ARABS

Of details required (1) is incorrect. For travel details read **Tribal** details.

This answers query in paragraph 2 of your telegram No. 464.

Copy to:- 4/55

C.R.O.

P.S. to Permanent Under Secretary of State
Mr. Fullerton
Mr. Aspin
Mr. Hunt
Mr. de Burlet

Foreign Office Mr. J. Doyle
Mr. C.D. Powell

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Inward Telegram to Commonwealth Relations Office

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FROM: ZANZIBAR

D. ZANZIBAR 13.00 hours 21st August 1964
R. 12.03 hours 21st August 1964

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VNR15221/55 (E)

Mr. J. Bourn

CYPHER

PRIORITY

No.466 CONFIDENTIAL

Your telegram No.722.

VNR15221/55

MANGA ARABS

Please pass following to Red Cross London from Phillips.

Begins. Details requested in your message of 18th will be despatched tomorrow relating to about 240 families. Compilation of information on remainder is proving unexpectedly slow.

2. At present rate of feeding funds will be exhausted by second week September excluding local committee's balance which I have not touched.

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P.S. to Permanent Under Secretary
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UN R18221/56

FROM Mr R. de Burlet (CRO) to Mr Doyle

SUBJECT: Manga Arabs.

Possibility of a better screening procedure and of the UNHCR using his good offices if any country is willing to accept some refugees.

No.

Dated August 18

Received August 19.

Encloses Copy of:

References and Relevant Papers:

7/52 — pp. in Dept. 24/8

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1 Malaysian Dept (Mr Purnell) JA 20/8

2 UCAD (Mr Hyamspeed) RDB 23/8

Para 2 is nonsense. Both the Sultan + Maj. Chauncy are in London and will be there for some weeks. MMP 21/8

Mr de Burlet informed of the Sultan's and Major Chauncey's whereabouts. JA 24/8

JA 31/8

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COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE
DOWNING STREET
LONDON S.W.1

19/8

18th August, 1964.

Whitehall 2323/*Ext.*
Your reference:
Please quote in reply:

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UNR 18221/56

Dear John

Manga Arabs

Thank you for your letter UNR 18221/52 of 17th August.

2. I agree with the U.N.H.C.R. that the main hurdle now is the question of clearance from the Sultan of Muscat, and I think that all efforts need to be directed to trying to come to some practical arrangement for the screening of the Arabs. In this connection Miss Ingle of the B.R.C. told me yesterday that some progress had been made. Apparently the Red Cross has had further talks with the Sultan's adviser Major Chauncey, whose attitude was apparently softening and becoming more helpful. Chauncey returns to Muscat in a few days and there are hopes that when he has seen the Sultan the latter may agree to a more workable screening procedure.

3. I think one must recognise that the shipping line is quite justified in insisting on full pre-clearance of all Arabs wishing to embark and we would be quite unrealistic to expect anything else.

No one has ever suggested otherwise!

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J. DOYLE, ESQ.,
UNITED NATIONS DEPARTMENT,
FOREIGN OFFICE.

4. I do not think there is much future in trying to find asylum for the Arabs anywhere other than in Muscat or Oman. I certainly do not think that the British Government should be asked to use its influence in this direction. However, if there is any chance whatsoever that any country might accept some of them, this would be a classic case for the U.N.H.C.R. to use his good offices.

Yours ever,

Bob.

(R. de Burlet)

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UNR 18221/57

FROM Duke of Devonshire CRO to J. Boyd-Carpenter. Treasy.

No.

Dated August 7.

Received August 12.

(Outward Action)

SUBJECT:

Requests urgent support for a proposal to relieve plight of Arab refugees in Zanzibar.

Encloses Copy of:

References and Relevant Papers:

MINUTES

A) J. Boyd-Carpenter, Treasury. to Duke of Devonshire C.R.O. - Aug 10.

B) U.K. Mission. Geneva. 379. August 10.

I have discussed this with Mr Doyle in UN Dept. There are no conditions, in addition to those laid down by the Treasury, that we wish to attach to our Vote.

x JH 13/8 Mr

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COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE,
DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.1.

7th August 1964.

1. Mr. Thomas PO/WS. 10/8

2. WCA/D - 11/8

10.8.

With the Compliments of the

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Private Secretary to the

Minister of State

for Commonwealth Relations

ARCHIVES No. 16
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JIS UNR 18221/57

Arab Refugees in Zanzibar.

7th August, 1964

I am writing to seek your urgent support for a proposal to relieve the plight of the remaining Arab refugees in Zanzibar.

As you know, a large number of the Arab inhabitants of Zanzibar were slaughtered during and immediately following the revolution. In May this year, the Zanzibar authorities deported some 1800 of the survivors to Oman, where most of them have family connections. About 2,000 (mostly old people and women and children) still remain in Zanzibar under the care of the British Red Cross. These unfortunate people have lost their homes and all their possessions. They are herded together for mutual protection in part of the old town of Zanzibar, but their situation is becoming daily more distressing and hopeless. The Red Cross have insufficient funds to go on feeding them very much longer, and in any case they fear that the Zanzibar authorities will shortly force them to cease their relief work in the islands. The refugees will then either starve or become the victims of further anti-Arab violence.

The International Red Cross Committee and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees are greatly concerned about this problem, and have been trying to make arrangements to repatriate the remaining Zanzibar Arabs to Oman. They hope to secure the agreement both of the Zanzibar Government and of the Sultan of Muscat. A Pakistani ship is due in Zanzibar on the 11th August which could transport all the refugees to Oman provided the charter fee of £43,000 can be raised in the time.

We have been under strong pressure from the British Red Cross to put up the money required but have deliberately played this long in the hope that the Red Cross would be able to raise the funds from private sources. We have now heard that they have in fact secured promises of help totalling £21,000 from voluntary organisations such as Oxfam, War on Want, and Save the Children Fund, leaving a balance of just over £20,000 still to be found. The United Nations Commissioner for Refugees has made a very urgent appeal to the British Government to finance this balance or, alternatively, to guarantee the sum on the understanding that he will seek contributions also from other potentially sympathetic Western Governments.

The Zanzibar Arabs are not, of course, United Kingdom "nationals" and we have therefore no consular obligations towards them. But there is a very general feeling, which it is difficult to contest, that the British Government has a moral

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The Rt. Hon. John Boyd-Carpenter, M.P.

Great George Street, S.W.1. Chief Secretary to the Treasury,

responsibility to assist in rescuing them from a perilous situation, in view of our long association with Zanzibar and the fact that the revolution there followed so closely on our granting of independence to Zanzibar. We should be exposed to strong criticism if we left them to their fate, particularly if this ended, as it might well do, in another blood bath.

For these reasons, and on general humanitarian grounds, I feel that we must respond sympathetically to the appeal for help which has been made to us. I do not think it is right that we should be expected to find the full amount of £21,000 still required, and indeed there are political objections to the whole operation being a British one, as it would be if, in addition to the money already subscribed from British voluntary sources, we as a Government were to put up the whole of the remaining sum. Our responsibility would be discharged, and we should be able to deal with any potential criticism, if we offered a finite sum to the United Nations High Commissioner, leaving him with the task of securing the balance from other contributors. I think in all the circumstances that the right size of contribution would be £10,000 (or possibly £10,500, which would be precisely half the amount required).

I should be glad if the Treasury would agree to our proceeding on this basis. As I have indicated, the matter is extremely urgent since, provided the necessary permission is given by the authorities in Zanzibar and Muscat, it is planned to commence the operation on the 11th August. Could you therefore let me have the earliest possible reply?

I am sending a copy of this letter to Peter Thomas at the Foreign Office.

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Minister of State

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Chief Secretary to the Treasury

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Treasury Chambers,
Great George Street,
S.W.1.

VNR 6221/57 (A)

10th August, 1964

PW J 1824.

You wrote to me on 7th August proposing that H.M. Government should make a contribution of £10,000 to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees towards the cost of evacuating some 2,000 Arab refugees from Zanzibar.

Although, as you explain, the British Government has no formal obligations to these people, I agree that our long association with Zanzibar would make it very difficult for us to disclaim all responsibility for them, even if we wished to do so. I am therefore ready to agree to what you propose, on the understanding that a contribution of £10,000 will enable us to discharge our responsibility, leaving the High Commissioner to approach other contributors for the balance of the £23,000 required, less the £21,000 already raised by the British Red Cross.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Peter Thomas at the Foreign Office.

JOHN BOYD-CARPENTER

His Grace The Duke of Devonshire, M.C.,
Commonwealth Relations Office,
Downing Street,
S.W.1.

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No. 379
August 10, 1964

D. 8.58 p.m. August 10, 1964
R. 8.59 p.m. August 10, 1964

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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 379 of August 10.
Repeated for information to: Zanzibar

Miller-Doyle telephone conversation of August 4: Manga Arabs

I have been informed by the High Commissioner's Office that they have postponed the movement of these Arabs from Zanzibar. President Karume has not yet given his written consent to their departure and the shipping company has laid down various conditions which the High Commissioner is not, at the moment, in a position to meet.

2. Letter follows.

Foreign Office pass to Zanzibar 3.

[Repeated as requested]

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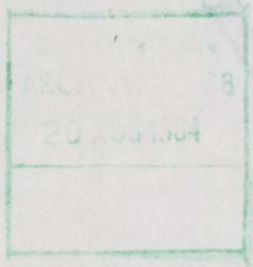

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UNR 18221/58

FROM
MR. GREAVES.
MUSCAT.

No. 109

Dated 19 AUG.

Received 20 AUG.

SUBJECT: MANGA ARABS.

The Red Cross are discussing with the Sultan in London. The problem is of identification nt principles. Progress is being made.

Encloses Copy of:
Addressed to Bahrain
Tel. No. 248, Aug. 19.

References and Relevant Papers:

(Outward Action)
Aft) Bahrain 630 Aug. 20

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Arabian Dept informed that the Red Cross here know nothing about this. They are so informing Muscat.

J D 20/8

Mr. Parrott Jones
Arabian Dept. (Mr. Parrott)

MG 21/8

JW 20/8

(Printing Instructions)

A) Bahrain (Mr Brown) No. 25 (Saving) Aug. 22

(Referred to Legal Adviser)

Mr. Parrott (Arabian Dept.)

MG 21/8

JA 20/8

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August 19, 1964

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R. 2.10 p.m. August 19, 1964

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Addressed to Bahrain telegram No. 248 of August 19,
Repeated for information to : Doha
Abu Dhabi
Dubai
Foreign Office

Doha telegram No. 103 to you (not repeated to Foreign Office).

The Red Cross are having discussions with the Sultan in London about the entry into Oman of some two thousand Arabs from Zanzibar. The problem is not one of principle but of identification of his subjects. Progress is being made and the majority could conceivably be here within a month. The Red Cross are in charge of operations in Zanzibar.

2. It is therefore unlikely that Ghalib's statement, in his letter to the Ruler, that fifty homeless children are on their way by sea to Qatar is true. The letter probably has a propaganda objective.

3. Perhaps the Foreign Office could suggest whether the Red Cross know anything of these children.

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repeated for information to Muscat, Doha, Dubai, Abu Dhabi.

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Muscat tel. no. 248 to you: [9 August 19] Arab refugees from Zanzibar.

The Red Cross know nothing of the children mentioned in Ghalib's letter.

2. At least half of the two thousand Arabs waiting to leave Zanzibar are thought to be ~~children~~ children.

C.D.P.

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August 20, 1964

D: 9.30 p.m. August 20, 1964

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Addressed to Bahrain telegram No. 630 of August 20.

Repeated for information to: Muscat, Dubai, Doha, Abu Dhabi

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Mr.Brown.

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No. 25 Saving
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R. August 27, 1964

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Addressed to Doha telegram No. 165 of August 22
Repeated for information Saving to: Foreign Office
Bahrain (Agency)
Dubai
Abu Dhabi
Muscat

NR

Your telegram No. 103 [of August 18: Zanzibar Refugees].

You will have seen reports from other posts and Foreign Office telegram No. 630 to me. There is nothing to report from Bahrain.

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FROM W.T. Hull (C.O.) to Mr Doyle

No. ADN/DA.3

Dated August 20

Received August 21

SUBJECT: MANGA ARABS:- Neither Qa'iti or Kathiri State would accept repatriation expenses in respect of nationals returned by Zanzibar Govt.

Encloses Copy of:

References and Relevant Papers:

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(Outward Action)

Dft) M.R.F.A. Shegog
C.O.(D in 3) 3/9

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See action at -/52: also letter to Colonial Office here.

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Telephone: ABBEY 1266, ext.

REGISTRY
ARCHIVES No. 2
21 AUG 1964
UNR18221/59

Our reference: ADN/DA.3
Your reference: UNR.18221/52

20th August, 1964

Dear Doyle,

Would you please refer to your letter of the 17th August to de Burlet, copied to the Colonial Office, about the telegram from the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva regarding the evacuation of Manga Arabs from Zanzibar.

The question of the future of the Hadhrami community in Zanzibar came up earlier in the year and the authorities in Aden and the South Arabian Protectorate were consulted and they in turn consulted the authorities in the Qa'iti and Kathiri States, since almost all the Protectorate Arabs in Zanzibar come from the States of the Eastern Protectorate. In his letter to the British High Commissioner in Zanzibar of the 4th April, A.F. Watts, deputy High Commissioner for Aden and the Protectorate reported that the Qa'iti State immigration legislation would permit the entry of refugees of Hadhrami origin whatever their present national status may be and that, although having no immigration decree concerning the matter, the Kathiri State government would be likely to act on the same basis. However, neither State would accept repatriation expenses in respect of nationals returned by the Zanzibar Government. Watts went on to say that although appreciating that it would not always be possible it would be most useful for them to know details of any future departures as early as possible so that the local state authorities may be informed in advance and arrangements made for reception should any of the persons concerned be Hadhramis.

We have no reason to think that this policy has been changed. We note that the present intention is that the Manga Arabs should be repatriated to Muscat or to States in the Persian Gulf. If, however, some of them should be Hadhramis who wish to make their home in the Eastern Protectorate, it would be appreciated if the High Commissioner's Office in Aden could be given as much advance notice as possible.

I am copying this letter to de Burlet in the Commonwealth Relations Office.

Yours sincerely,

(W.T. Hull)

J. DOYLE, ESQ.

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.I.

September 3, 1964.

UNR 18221/59

We spoke this morning about the information on the evacuation of Manga Arabs from Zanzibar in Hull's letter of August 20 to Doyle (ADN/DA.3).

2. As I told you on the telephone, we had an urgent enquiry from the British Red Cross who wished to know whether the possibility that the States of Qa'iti and Kathiri might admit some of the Manga Arabs could be divulged to the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees. Doyle had previously passed on the information contained in Hull's letter of August 20, making the point that neither States would accept repatriation expenses for refugees coming from Zanzibar, and saying that the Governments of both States would like to know details of any probable arrivals as early as possible.

3. As we agreed, I informed the British Red Cross that we had no objection to their informing the UNHCR. They said that it was not likely that any Manga Arabs could leave Zanzibar for these States before September 17, and that they would let us know as soon as they had any further information.

(M. Elliott)

R.F.A. Shegog, Esq., O.B.E.,
Colonial Office.

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UNR 18221/60

FROM British Red Cross Society. (C'd)

SUBJECT: Manga Arabs – Zanzibar. – Third Progress Report.

No. ———

Dated August 21

Received August 25

Encloses Copy of:
Addressed to Members of the Disaster Emergency Committee.

References and Relevant Papers:

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(1) Arabian Dept (Mr Turner) MMC 27/8 JA 26/8

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Additional copy enclosed for Mr. Powell

With the

Compliments of the Assistant Secretary

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY,

14 & 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT,

LONDON, S.W.1.

Mr. M. I. Goulding,
Arabian Dept.

With the compliments of

THE CONFERENCE AND SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

He spoke.

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(Mr. Doyle)

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BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY

14, Grosvenor Crescent,
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21st August, 1964.

To: Members of the Disaster Emergency Committee.

MANGA ARABS - ZANZIBAR.

Third Progress Report.

On the 13th August, we were informed that the Zanzibar authorities had approved a declaration stating that there was no objection to the removal from Zanzibar of any Manga Arabs who wished to leave.

Difficulties with the Shipping Company remained however, as it had not been possible to give an unconditional guarantee that all passengers could be disembarked at Muscat or elsewhere and, therefore, arrangements could not be made for any Arabs to be accepted on the Pan Islamic shipping company's vessel which finally left Zanzibar on Friday, 14th August.

The Sultan of Muscat and Oman, however, has since agreed that his Government will examine the personal particulars of all those Arabs on the lists prepared by the B.R.C.S. representative in Zanzibar, with a view to giving provisional acceptance to them prior to their departure from Zanzibar. For this purpose, the Sultan requires further details, including the name of the Sheik in Oman to whom the persons concerned are connected and other family particulars. This information is now being collected in Zanzibar and will be forwarded to the Muscat and Oman authorities as soon as it is available.

This whole operation may take some weeks, but it appears to be the only method of ensuring that those who embark will be accepted by the Muscat and Oman authorities. Without such an assurance, no shipping company will agree to transport them.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees is meanwhile making further enquiries for shipping which may be available during the second half of September, as the need to remove these Arabs from Zanzibar has not become any less urgent.

I should add that, in response to an appeal from the U.N.H.C.R. to Governments under the "Good Offices Resolution", Her Majesty's Government has now offered to make a contribution of £10,000 towards the cost of this operation. Replies are awaited from other Governments.

A.B.Hodgson

for Sir Patrick Renison.

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UNR. 18221/61

FROM Mr R.P. de Burlet C.R.O.
To:- Mr J. Doyle (C'd)

No. —

Dated ~~August~~ 25

Received August 27

SUBJECT: Manga Arabs — Treasury authority given for a gift of £10,000 as H.M.G.'s contribution towards repatriation expenses. — Advisable to tell Nyerere or Kambona.

(Outward Action)

Encloses Copy of: Draft - To. Mr P.A. Carter, Dar es Salaam, from Mr R.P. de Burlet, C.R.O. 2-EA.56/705/8 of Aug. ?.

References and Relevant Papers:

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The CRO, it seems, did not think it necessary to clear this draft with us otherwise I would have suggested rewording §2.

Arabian Dept
(Mr Darell)

24/8

Yes, but never mind. Mr. Philipps' expulsion from Zbar is a grave setback.

MMG 2/9

M.P.
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COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE,

DOWNING STREET, S.W.1.

August, 1964.

I do not know whether you are familiar with the problem of the Manga Arabs in Zanzibar and the efforts which are being made by the British Red Cross, the International Red Cross and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (U.N.H.C.R.) to arrange for their repatriation to Muscat and Oman. In order to put you in the picture as regards our position I enclose a copy of a letter which the Minister of State recently sent to the Chief Secretary at the Treasury seeking approval for a British Government contribution towards the repatriation expenses. This letter summarises the general background. We have now received the Treasury's authority for a gift of £10,000 and are informing the United Nations High Commissioner in Geneva accordingly.

The attempt to get the remaining Arabs away on the 11th August fell through at the last moment because of the reluctance of the Sultan of Muscat to give an assurance which would satisfy the shipping company that all the persons concerned would be allowed to land in his country. The International Red Cross are still working on this problem but it is unlikely that they will be able to resolve it much before the end of September.

We do not intend to give publicity to our offer of £10,000, but the repatriation operation, if and when it takes place, may well attract the attention of the Press and our financial contribution might become known. Norman Aspin has discussed this possibility with Stephen Miles, who feels that it would be advisable to let Nyerere or Kambona know of our offer, since although they are unlikely to have any strong feelings in the matter one way or the other they might take slight umbrage if the information first reached them through the Press.

If you see no objection therefore we should be glad if you would do this at the next convenient opportunity. You should make it clear that we do not regard ourselves as under any obligation to the Zanzibar Arabs, who are not United Kingdom nationals. Our financial help is offered on purely humanitarian grounds and in response to an appeal by the U.N.H.C.R. and on the understanding that contributions will be forthcoming from other countries.

The total sum required for the operation is in the order of £43,000, of which about £21,000 has already been raised by the British Red Cross from private British charities. We have informed the British

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P.A. Carter, Esq.,
Dar es Salaam.

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Red Cross that we wish to inform Nyerere of the British Government's contribution in advance and they have agreed to this course. They are, however, slightly anxious on the following count: before the operation could be mounted it was necessary to be sure that the Zanzibar Government would allow the Arabs to leave and there was some reason to think that they might be difficult about this. However, Mr. Phillips, the Red Cross representative in the Island, who is supervising the feeding and general care of the Arabs at present, finally succeeded in obtaining Karume's approval to the move. We believe, however, that there was considerable opposition from other sources, in particular Hanga, and we are slightly anxious that if the British Government's financial contribution became known in Zanzibar this opposition might be revived and might prejudice the success of the Red Cross efforts. This factor should therefore be borne in mind when you speak to Nyerere or Kambona.

(R.P. de Burlet)

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FROM Doha
Mr. McKearney.

No. Unnumbered Saving
Dated August 18

Received August 28

SUBJECT: IMAM GHALIB has asked the Ruler to accept into Qatar 50 homeless children from Zanzibar. — Requests information.

Encloses Copy of:

References and Relevant Papers:

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I think Mr. Hair already replied. X J.W. 28/8

Bahrain Dept (Mr. Pirie)

Yrs. Im FO telno 630 of 26/8 to Bahrain.

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Mr. McKearney

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R. August 27, 1964

Addressed to Bahrain Residency telegram No. 103 of August 18,
Repeated for information to Abu Dhabi Muscat
Dubai
and Saving to Bahrain Agency
Foreign Office

The Ruler has been asked in a letter from Imam Ghalib to accept into Qatar and to care for 50 homeless children from Zanzibar. They are said to be on their way to Qatar in a Dutch ship, but from where is not stated.

2. The Ruler has asked for any information we may have and in particular whether similar requests have been made to other Gulf States, and if so with what result.

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FROM C.R.O. to Zanzibar (R.d)

No. 727

Dated Aug. 26.

Received Aug. 31.

SUBJECT: MANGA ARABS.

No more registrations should be made as clearance cannot be guaranteed.

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References and Relevant Papers:

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TO: ZANZIBAR

(Sent 00.48 hours 26th August, 1964)

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MANGA ARABS

Please pass following from Red Cross London to Phillips. Begins:

"Reference your letter 19th no more registrations should be made as we cannot guarantee clearance those not on list up to 2113." Ends.

Copy to:-

C.R.O.

Mr. de Burlet
Mr. Tesh
Mr. R. Hunt

Foreign Office (U.N.Dept.)

Mr. J. Doyle

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UN R18221/64

FROM Mr C.P. Scott, Geneva to Mr J. Doyle

No. 1723/35/64

Dated Sept 2

Received Sept 3.

SUBJECT: Manga Arabs: UK contribution may not be needed in moving all the Manga Arabs from Zanzibar to the Arabian Peninsula. Other Governments have also been approached for contributions

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References and Relevant Papers:

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8) Mr. R.M. Tesh C.R.O. 8/9.

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Copy to R. M. Tesh (C.R.O.) and resubmit.

M. Pill
8/9

U.N. Division.

The C.R.O. are at present trying to get more information about the situation in Zanzibar and whether in the light of it there is need to take further action with the UNHCR. The most recent telegrams (at FLAG A /66) suggest that it is unlikely that H.M.G. will be called on to make a guarantee or contribution in the near future

M. Pill
10/9

Arabian Dept (Mr Goulding) You may

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You may wish to comment. The CRO are considering meeting the UNHCR's rep. in London to urge him to press other govts for contributions.

MM Gould 11/2

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I set eyes on this paper for the first time today. Division say that it was returned from Pakistan Dept. on Dec 23rd where it had been since Sept. There can be no question about doing anything on this now as the money has already been paid to the UNHCR. (It was in fact paid on Dec 31st). In any case our point was that other governments should be asked to contribute and that they should contribute.

JA 4/1

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September 2, 1964.

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Dear Doyle

I write with reference to your letter of August 20 (UNR 18221/-) to Jimmy Miller about Manga Arabs to report that some days before it arrived, Marlin, the Senior Director on the High Commissioner's staff, repeated to me over the telephone almost word for word the points contained in paragraph 2 of your letter which clearly had been very firmly impressed upon him by Kelly. At that time Marlin simply said that he had hopes of being able to move all the Manga Arabs from Zanzibar to the Arabian Peninsula without calling upon H.M.G. to honour their pledge of £10,000. However, just in case the whole operation proved more expensive than he thought, he was approaching other governments, including the United States, for contributions too.

2. I spoke to Marlin again on September 1 to ask him how things were going and I also enquired whether he still thought that the operation could be carried out without asking H.M.G. to honour their pledge. In reply Marlin said that the funds so far subscribed towards the cost of moving this last batch of Manga Arabs from Zanzibar were in the following amounts:

a) £26,000 from Voluntary Agencies in the U.K.

b) £20,000 from Voluntary Agencies in Germany.

c) £5,000 as a (confidential) personal gift from Prince Sadruddin, the Deputy High Commissioner.

3. As regards expenses, Marlin told me that he now hoped to be able to move 290 families to Muscat (something over 1,000

/individuals

J. Doyle, Esq.,
United Nations Department,
Foreign Office,
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individuals) by a Pakistani ship which would call at Zanzibar on October 4. These people would all be persons who had been identified as Omanis and who would therefore be permitted to land at Muscat without difficulty. Marlin said that Phillips, the British Red Cross representative in Zanzibar had reported that he was fairly confident of being able to get all the documentation and other formalities in respect of these 290 families completed in time for the sailing on October 4. I gathered that the High Commissioner's Office did not expect the cost of transporting these refugees to be much over £20,000.

4. As regards the transport of the remainder, of whom a number came originally from other countries of the Arabian Peninsula, the High Commissioner's Office now hope to charter a ship which would make calls at several ports in Arabia discharging passengers wherever they can obtain permission to land. Marlin said he hoped to go to London during the next two weeks to negotiate the necessary contract. He was not at all sure how much this would cost, but again hoped that somewhere about £40,000 would do the trick, though I suspect that he is being optimistic. (The only charter offer he has had so far quoted £100,000 to move all 2,000 odd Manga Arabs to a series of ports in Arabia.)

5. It looks, therefore, as if the High Commissioner may now be faced with a bill of between £60,000 and £70,000 for moving this last batch of Manga Arabs from Zanzibar. As already mentioned he has assurances of £51,000 from non-governmental sources. Marlin told me that in addition to the U.S., the Governments of Switzerland and Sweden had now been approached for contributions. The Swedes had been sympathetic and had asked for a formal request by letter. Their reply was awaited, as was the response of the Swiss Government. Marlin said he hoped that, provided reasonable amounts were contributed by these two Governments, H.M.G. would feel themselves in sufficiently good company to agree to the High Commissioner using, if necessary, (but only if necessary) some or all of the £10,000 that they had so generously agreed to contribute. Marlin added that the U.S. Government had refused to make a contribution. He commented that the Department of State did not appear to be interested in Manga Arabs and in any case claimed that they had no spare funds from which they could make a donation.

6. I promised to report what Marlin had told me, but said that I could not, of course, promise that you would necessarily regard the Swiss and Swedes as "adequate company" without knowing the size of their subscriptions. I shall keep in touch with Marlin, and report as soon as it is known whether, and if so how much, the Governments of Sweden and Switzerland are willing to subscribe. In the meantime however, if Marlin should go to London and sign a charter agreement which would necessitate him calling on H.M.G. for their promised contribution, I take it you would wish me to insist we be assured that other governments would contribute generously before we actually made a payment. If you agree, no doubt you will also consider whether something on these lines might not also be said to Kelly if opportunity offers in the next few days.

Yours ever

Peter Scott

(C. P. Scott)

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UN R18221/65

FROM Mr. C.P. Scott, Geneva to Mr. Pridham

No. 1723/36/64

Dated Sept. 2.

Received Sept. 4.

SUBJECT: Manga Arabs.

Phillips Red Cross representative in Zanzibar has been ordered to leave. Suggests that Manga Arabs be put on board Pakistani ship due to call on Sept 4. and transport them to Muscat.

(Outward Action)

8) R.de Burlet Esq., C.R.O. 4/9.

Encloses Copy of:

References and Relevant Papers:

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M. Pill 8/9.

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1723/36/64

September 2, 1964.

Mr Elliott

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Dear Kenneth,

UNR 18221/64

N/T

Since dictating a letter to Doyle concerning the present position of Manga Arabs awaiting evacuation from Zanzibar (reference 1723/35/64) I have seen Zanzibar telegram number 474 of September 1 to the Commonwealth Relations Office saying that Phillips, the British Red Cross representative and League of Red Cross Societies' delegate in Zanzibar, had received a summary order to leave.

2. Before I saw the Zanzibar telegram Marlin, of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, had given me the news by telephone, and enquired whether in these circumstances I thought H.M.G. would be prepared to reconsider their decision not to intervene with the Sultan of Muscat. Marlin thought that if Phillips in fact had to leave, the best solution as regards the Manga Arabs would be to put them all aboard the Pakistani ship which is due to call at Zanzibar on September 4, and transport them ~~all~~ to Muscat, accompanied by an undertaking that the High Commissioner and the International Committee of the Red Cross would guarantee to find alternative countries of asylum for any Manga Arabs who, on investigation, were found not to be Omanis. Marlin admitted that a similar proposal had been rejected by the Sultan some weeks ago, but thought that in the new situation he might possibly be prevailed upon to change his mind.

3. I said that this sounded a practical idea, though it might turn out to be an expensive one if alternative asylum could not readily be found for numbers of these people. I also said that I thought it very unlikely that even in this situation the Foreign Office would be willing to intervene with the Sultan of Muscat for

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reasons of which he (Marlin) was aware. However, I said that I personally could see no reason why if they thought well of his plan the International Committee of the Red Cross (I.C.R.C.) might not make a further attempt to persuade the Sultan to change his mind. Marlin said he would pass this on to the I.C.R.C. as his own idea and without mentioning me to them, but asked me to keep you informed of developments and added, with a laugh, that if indeed it should prove possible to remove all these Manga Arabs from Zanzibar in this particular Pakistani vessel next Friday, the cost of their passage would be about £40,000, i.e. well within the £51,000 of voluntary contributions which the High Commissioner had already collected for this purpose.

4. I have since learnt from H.M. Consul-General that the International Committee of the Red Cross have already sent identical telegrams to President Nyerere and Vice-President Karume to ask them to reconsider the order to expel Phillips. (A copy of the telegram is enclosed.) Wiltshire also thought it likely from something that Borsinger de Baden of the International Committee had said this morning that the I.C.R.C. may indeed be considering a further approach to the Sultan of Muscat.

5. This is how matters now stand. My guess is that if the I.C.R.C.'s requests to the Tanganyika Government and to the Sultan of Muscat both fail, we may be asked either by them, or by the High Commissioner for Refugees, to take some action with one or both Governments. Until that happens, however, I am sure we will not be approached, and indeed until the situation is clear it is difficult to see what H.M.G. could usefully do even if you should decide to move in the matter. We will keep in close touch with all concerned, and will report further by telegram or telephone if developments warrant it.

6. The above will serve to confirm our telephone conversation of this morning. Ted Wiltshire asks that North and East African Department and Arabian Department should be shown this letter for information, and I enclose two spare copies of it, and its enclosure in case you should need them.

Yours ever

John

(C. P. Scott)

M. Borsinger
M. Hoffmann

3 copies please.
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FROM Dar Es Salaam to C.R.O.

No. 1343

Dated Sept. 4.

Received Sept. 8.

(Outward Action)

SUBJECT: Manga Arabs.

Karume states that Zanzibar is quite capable of looking after Manga Arabs and Zanzibar Government will make its own arrangements for their transport to Southern Arabia.

Encloses Copy of:	References and Relevant Papers:

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A) Dar Es Salaam to C.R.O. No 1349 of 5/9

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C) C.R.O. to Dar Es Salaam No 1746 of 4/9

D) C.R.O. to Dar Es Salaam No 1736 of 3/9

E) C.R.O. to Dar Es Salaam No 732 of 2/9

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FROM: DAR ES SALAAM

RPTD: COMGEN GENEVA
ZANZIBAR (SAVING)

D: DAR ES SALAAM 17.49 hours 4th September, 1964
R: 18.25 Hours 4th September, 1964

Mr. R.W.D. Fowler

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No. 1343 CONFIDENTIAL

Addressed Commonwealth Relations Office No. 1343, repeated COMGEN Geneva and Saving to Zanzibar.

My No. 1333. — N/T.

MANGA ARABS

Further discussions with Phillips and Bourn confirm conclusion that we should await outcome of representations over Phillips' expulsion which we understand have been made by International Red Cross to President Nyerere and that intervention by myself would only lend colour to Karume's and Manga's criticisms of International Red Cross as being imperialist tool.

2. Question of plans for evacuation of Manga Arabs to Muscat will also depend on reaction of U.R. Government to Red Cross approach. Karume made it quite clear to Phillips in his final interview that Zanzibar is capable of looking after Manga Arabs. Karume also gave Phillips to understand in final resort Zanzibar Government would make their own arrangements for their transportation to Southern Arabia. I consider that having regard to Nyerere's recent statement at O.A.U. conference that there is no longer any Arab problem in Zanzibar, Nyerere would not feel disposed to question Karume's judgement on this.

3. Meanwhile we assume that question of continuing financing of Zanzibar branch of Red Cross so that it may carry on with present relief operations to Manga Arabs is under consideration by Red Cross authorities. I suggest that politically it would be wise to make available necessary funds from Geneva rather than from London.

4. Phillips raised possibility of these funds being blocked by Zanzibar Government. We think this unlikely but Bourn is making enquiries of local bank and will let you know outcome.

5. Should it be decided to send International Red Cross representative to Dar es Salaam to follow up representations I recommend for your consideration selection Ethiopian Deputy Secretary General of League who being African would probably have more influence with U.R. authorities.

London please pass Geneva as my telegram No. M1058.

Note by Telegraph Section: The above has been passed as requested.

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Inward Telegram to Commonwealth Relations Office

FROM: DAR ES SALAAM

RPTD: ZANZIBAR

D: Dar es Salaam 16.20 hours 5th September, 1964
R: 15.57 hours 5th September, 1964

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Mr. R.W.D. Fowler

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No. 1349 CONFIDENTIAL

Addressed Commonwealth Relations Office No. 1349 repeated Zanzibar.

Your telegram No. 1751.

MANGA ARABS

Phillips, in view of the obvious delicacy of his position in Tanganyika, can only operate indirectly and there can be no question of his visiting Zanzibar.

2. Through Phillips' contacts with Mitchell Cotts (Shipping agents) and the Tanganyika branch of Red Cross arrangements are going discreetly ahead with his Zanzibar assistant for embarkation of 45 Manga Arab families. But clearance with Zanzibar Government is still awaited.

3. Phillips has contacted Adu. Latter would prefer to wait and see how current evacuation operation works out before committing himself to assisting in further measures to evacuate other families.

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Outward Telegram from Commonwealth Relations Office

TO: DAR ES SALAAM

RPTD: ZANZIBAR

(Sent 04.46 hours 5th September, 1964)

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IMMEDIATE TO BOTH POSTS

No. 1751 CONFIDENTIAL

Addressed Dar es Salaam No. 1751, repeated Zanzibar No. 736.

Please pass following to Phillips. Begins.

U.N.H.C.R. Geneva reports that shipping company has authorised its Mombasa office to embark from Zanzibar for MUSCAT 67 Manga Arab families who hold correct documents. U.N.H.C.R. ask if Phillips can fly Zanzibar or if there is someone there who can be asked to verify documents and issue lists of authority favour shipping agent to embark particular passengers. U.N.H.C.R. Geneva suggests contact Mr. Adu to see if he can help. Ship now due sail Tuesday. Ends.

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Outward Telegram from Commonwealth Relations Office

TO: DAR ES SALAAM

RPTD: ZANZIBAR

(Sent 20.50 hours 4th September, 1964)

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No. 1746 CONFIDENTIAL

Addressed Dar es Salaam No. 1746 repeated Zanzibar No. 735.

Your No. 1333.

MANGA ARABS

We agree that you should take no action at present and await your further recommendations. British Red Cross have been informed and also agree.

2. If it is true (your paragraph 2) that Karume is now against whole operation we shall as you say have to review our position with care. It is important therefore to know whether expulsion is aimed at Philips personally or against operation as a whole. You should also of course suspend action on de Burlet's letter of 25th August.

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Outward Telegram from Commonwealth Relations Office

TO: DAR ES SALAAM

RPTD: ZANZIBAR

(Sent 20.43 hours 3rd September 1964)

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PRIORITY
No. 1736 CONFIDENTIAL

Addressed Dar es Salaam No. 1736 repeated Zanzibar No. 734.

Please pass following from Red Cross to Phillips Begins:-

"U.N.H.C.R. Geneva asks that Nicholas Phillips should get in touch with Mr. Adu, Resident Representative United Nations Technical Assistance Board, and tell him whole story of Manga Arabs and ask his advice and help. Please tell Phillips that Mr. Adu is personal friend of Rennison. U.N.H.C.R. trying to arrange direct with shipping companies shipment of Arabs." Ends.

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P.S. to Permanent Under Secretary of State
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Outward Telegram from Commonwealth Relations Office

TO: ZANZIBAR

RPTD: DAR ES SALAAM
NAIROBI (ACTING H.C.)

(Sent 07.45 hours 2nd September, 1964)

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PRIORITY TO ALL POSTS

No. 732 CONFIDENTIAL

Addressed Zanzibar No. 732, repeated Dar es Salaam No. 1718 and Nairobi No. 1990.

My telegram No. 727.

MANGA ARABS

Please pass following from Red Cross to Phillips. Begins:

Your cable received through League. League is cabling U.R. Government to protest about your expulsion and also informing Tanganyika Red Cross Society. If order not rescinded you should leave for Kenya if possible via Dar es Salaam and avoid all publicity since it may damage chances of Arabs. We are discussing with League and I.C.R.C. how Arab operation could be completed. Ends.

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P.S. to Permanent Under Secretary of State
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Inward Telegram to Commonwealth Relations Office

FROM: DAR ES SALAAM

RPTD: ZANZIBAR (SAVING)

D. DAR ES SALAAM 17.29 hours 2nd September 1964
R. 18.23 hours 2nd September 1964

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Mr. R.W.D. Fowler

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IMMEDIATE
No. 1333 CONFIDENTIAL

Addressed Commonwealth Relations Office No.1333 repeated Saving to Zanzibar.

Your telegram No. 1717.

MANGA ARABS

Phillips has now arrived in Dar es Salaam and will stay here pending further instructions. He has been careful to represent his departure as being for consultations and hopes publicity will be avoided. He has left arrangements for Arabs in hands of local Zanzibar Red Cross representative. He doubts however whether he can do more than keep present rationing arrangements going. Both he and Bourn think that at present stage it will be preferable to leave representations to Geneva. I agree with this unless new developments make our intervention necessary.

2. Phillips had conversation this morning with Karume from which it now seems likely that Zanzibar authorities will want to retain Arabs. We may have to consider whether in view of this it would be desirable for us to continue to work for their return to Muscat.

3. I shall be discussing this new situation with Bourn and Phillips and will telegraph recommendations.

4. Phillips asks if you would inform Whittington, British Red Cross London of his arrival and tell her that Phillips can be contacted though Tanganyika Red Cross.

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TO: DAR ES SALAAM

RPTD: ZANZIBAR

(Sent 19.05 hours 1st September, 1964)

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EMERGENCY TO DAR ES SALAAM
PRIORITY TO ZANZIBAR

No. 1717 CONFIDENTIAL

Addressed Dar es Salaam No. 1717, repeated Zanzibar No. 731.

MANGA ARABS

Understand that Phillips, British Red Cross Representative in Zanzibar, has been ordered by Zanzibar authorities to leave Zanzibar within 24 hours.

2. Since negotiations for acceptance of Manga Arabs by Sultan of Muscat have reached advanced stage we are reluctant to do anything which would result in withdrawal of permission for them to leave.

3. However, unless you see risk of this or other objection you should make representations asking the U.R. Government to reconsider the expulsion of someone who is in Zanzibar entirely for humanitarian reasons. So far as British Red Cross are aware there has been no instance anywhere of expulsion of Red Cross Representatives.

4. If you have not already acted on de Burlet's letter to Carter of 25th August about our contribution to U.N.H.C.R. appeal for funds for repatriation of Manga Arabs, it would seem advisable to mention this at the same time.

5. Nicholas Phillips is United Kingdom citizen, member of Staff of League of Red Cross Societies in Geneva, seconded to British Red Cross.

6. League of Red Cross Societies intend to make discreet representations themselves to Union Government.

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FROM: ZANZIBAR

RPTD: DAR ES SALAAM
CONGEN GENEVA

D: Zanzibar 18.05 hours 1st September, 1964
R: 18.02 hours 1st September, 1964

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Mr. J. Bourn

CYPHER

IMMEDIATE

No. 474 CONFIDENTIAL

Addressed Commonwealth Relations Office No. 474, repeated Immediate Dar es Salaam No. 185, CONGEN Geneva No. M328, (Commonwealth Relations Office pass Geneva).

PHILLIPS LEAGUE OF RED CROSS SOCIETIES IN ZANZIBAR

Phillips was this morning declared prohibited immigrant and instructed by Immigration Officer (Shioni Mzee) to leave at once. He has now been allowed 24 hours extension.

2. You know from previous correspondence (e.g. your No. 727 to me) that he has been looking into problem of detainees here and attempting to get Manga Arabs away to Muscat. This work is still not completed.

3. He has no idea of any cause from this unexpected order. His relations hitherto with Government in very frustrating circumstances have I understand been good though Vice-President Hanga recently unsympathetic about Manga Arabs arguing there was no racial disharmony now and Red Cross action was mere political interference to embarrass Zanzibar.

4. Phillips discussed with me and agreed that League of Red Cross Societies in Geneva should be informed at once. It seems preferable that they should make representations initially if they so decide rather than intervention by me. Although Phillips is British subject he carries letter of accreditation from League of Red Cross Societies to Zanzibar authorities (he came here from assignment in Nairobi which he undertook as part of secondment from the League of Red Cross Society to British Red Cross but latters' position seems irrelevant in present circumstances).

5. Phillips can if necessary get out without extreme difficulty in clearing affairs within time limit given. I do not at present think there is therefore need for special intervention by me nor for me to make enquiries on his behalf as British subject pending action by International Red Cross.

6. It is for International Red Cross to decide what representations are proper against this arbitrary action against member of their staff without consultation with them but communication direct to Vice-President Karume or even Nyerere might be effective. Position of Zanzibar Red Cross Committee vis a vis League of Red Cross Societies seems technically somewhat obscure since Independence but this would not seem to rule out representations.

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7. Phillips has said that police who called on him knew nothing of background. Similarly State House uninformed when he was sent there. He has tried unsuccessfully to see Mwanjisi and Karume but both are today in Dar es Salaam.

8. Text of message sent by Phillips was: Begins.

"To Secretary General. Have been ordered to leave Zanzibar within 24 hours for reasons unstated. Am requesting extension but in view of your letter accrediting me as League delegate I thought it necessary to inform you so that you may if you and B.R.C.S. consider it desirable, make representations at Government level". Ends.

9. In absence instructions from Red Cross Phillips proposes depart Dar es Salaam tomorrow.

10. Any special instructions for Phillips can presumably be sent confidentially through Commonwealth Relations Office as in past. He would in any event welcome B.R.C.S. advice. Cables are censored here.

11. Please inform British Red Cross ungently of text of Phillips message and gist of foregoing at your discretion.

12. Meanwhile we are trying to avoid publicity and Phillips proposes to say, if he goes to Dar es Salaam, that he is going for consultations.

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FROM M. G.O. Young C.R.O. (R'd)

No.

Dated Sept. 11

Received Sept 11

SUBJECT: Manga Arabs

Local Red Cross Representative was able to get 204 Manga Arabs away over the weekend. PHILLIPS is trying to obtain written approval for movement to Muscat.

Encloses Copy of: letter from Mr. R.W.D. Fowler B.H. Commissioner Tanganyika to Mr. L.B. Walsh Arthur C.R.O. REM. 137/33/2 of 7/9

References and Relevant Papers: -/66.

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Sc) Consul-General Muscat 14/9.

DR) Muscat, 212 11/9.

Sc) R de Burlett (ceo) 14/9

MINUTES

M. Pill 11/9

Arabian Dept. This might be copied to CG Muscat. I have sent a tel. about the Suffina-e-Hajjaj.

M McGonell 11/9

Copy to Consul-General, Muscat and resubmit.

M.P. 11/9.

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Is this the final word about Yes.

A) Muscat. No. 122. 17/9

Good.

WCAD (Mr. Pfeiffer) 23/9

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Telegrams: UKREP, Dar es Salaam
Telephone: Dar es Salaam 23366

Our reference: GEN.137/33/2
Your reference:

7th September, 1964

Dear Bryan,

UNR18221/66

Manga Arabs

I was glad to get C.R.O. telegram No. 1746 agreeing that it was best for the time being to leave the International Red Cross to pursue its representations with the Government of the United Republic, and that we should not ourselves at this stage intervene.

2. The latest news is encouraging. Mr. Phillips has been in to see me today and tells me that the local Red Cross representative in Zanzibar was able over the weekend to get 204 Manga Arabs away on the "Suffina-E-Hujjaj". Apparently the local authorities did not intervene in any way, and the whole operation went quite smoothly.

3. I understand that the leader of the Manga Arabs in Zanzibar has recently received a telegram from Muscat to say that the Sultan is prepared to receive only those Arabs from Zanzibar who are able to establish Omani origin. Phillips thinks that there will be another 800 or so Arabs waiting in Zanzibar with this qualification. Presumably it will now be necessary for the International Red Cross to confirm this authorisation with the Sultan and then to arrange shipping. We cannot of course be at all sure that the Zanzibar authorities will continue to make these movements possible. The Red Cross will have to decide whether to go ahead in the hope that this will be so.

/4. There is

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4. There is one point on which we ought perhaps to have more complete information. The Zanzibar authorities originally gave informal approval to the movement of Manga Arabs to Muscat to Mrs. Adams, who was handling this problem before Phillips' arrival. In July, Dr. Hoffmann, the Regional Representative of the International Red Cross, visited Zanzibar in order to obtain the formal written approval of the Zanzibar Government. Unfortunately, Karume was away in London and Cairo and no-one else in the Revolutionary Council was prepared to act for him in this regard. Subsequently, Phillips tried to see Karume to obtain this formal approval on behalf of the International Red Cross and was eventually referred to Hanga, who was hostile and unhelpful. However, at a later stage Tambwe, the Junior Minister for External Affairs in Zanzibar, told Phillips that Karume was giving formal authorisation to the movement of these Arabs to Muscat, and that it was being sent direct to International Red Cross Headquarters in Geneva.

5. If this authorisation has in fact been received in Geneva, then the International Red Cross will obviously be on rather firmer ground.

6. Phillips was summoned by Lusinde, the Minister for Home Affairs, on Saturday, and explained the background to these recent developments. Lusinde had received the representations from the International Red Cross and promised to put them before the President. Phillips had the impression that he was not unsympathetic.

Yours ever,
Bob Fowler.

(R. W. D. Fowler)

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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 122 of September 17.
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Your telegram No. 212: [Manga Arabs]

Ship arrived yesterday and all Omani refugees cleared and landed.

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FROM
M. C. P. Scott
Geneva to Mr. Pridham

No. 1723/164

Dated Sept. 11

Received
Sept. 14

SUBJECT:
Confirmation from Zanzibar that sixty-seven Manga Arab families had left for Muscat by a Pakistani ship on Sept. 4th.

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Bahrain Dept (Mr. Parrell). We have already had this at greater length from Dar-es-Salaam and you have informed Govt Muscat.

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Dear Kenneth,

Further to my letter of September 2 (1723/36/64) this is to report that Marlin of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees told me on September 9 that he had received confirmation from Zanzibar that sixty-seven Manga Arab families had left Zanzibar for Muscat by a Pakistani ship on September 4. The sixty-seven families amounted between them to some two hundred people: all of them had Omani passports or entry permits.

2. The High Commissioner's office hope to get some more Manga Arabs away to Muscat next month - these too will have to be prople who already possess, or in the meantime can acquire, the necessary documentation and entry permits.

yours ever

Peter Scott

(~~C~~.P. Scott)

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FROM C.R.O. (c'd.)
~~Zanzibar to C.R.O.~~
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Zanzibar Tel. - Dar Es Salaam
No. 61 (s)
Dated Sept. 11.

Received
Sept. 17.

SUBJECT: Manga Arabs.

15 Arabs with travel documents in order refused permission to embark for Aden. Further difficulties not expected over departure of remaining Arabs.

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Arabian Dept (Mr. Bowra). 18/9
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FROM: B.D.H.C., ZANZIBAR

TO: DAR ES SALAAM NO. 101 SAVING CONF.

RPTD: C.R.O., LONDON NO. 61 SAVING CONF.

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My telegram No. 189.

MANGA ARABS

According to Hassan the local Red Cross official, 15 Arabs who wish to go to Aden were not allowed on board with the others embarking for Muscat, although they had travel documents and as Commonwealth citizens would have been allowed entry. Reason apparently was that Pakistani ship's Captain was uncertain about their eligibility for entry. Local Red Cross are hoping to arrange for these Arabs to leave here by ship on 19th September.

2. Diwani, Principal Assistant Secretary in the Zanzibar office of the Union External Affairs Ministry, understood to have said that he foresaw no difficulties over the approval of the departure of the remaining Arabs who were being documented by Phillips. I have not attempted to check this myself; it may be that Diwani was speaking for Immigration Department which would seem prima facie to be primarily concerned.

3. Copy of this savingram being sent for information to Consul-General, Geneva, and High Commissioner, Aden.

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FROM Zanzibar to C.R.O.

No. 472

Dated Aug. 31

Received Sept. 18.

SUBJECT: Manga Arabs. Cost of individual passages Zanzibar to Muscat.

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MANGA ARABS

Please pass following to Red Cross London from Phillips. Begins.

Further to my report of 29th August cost of individual passages including food Zanzibar Muscat is

Adults shillings 514/70

Children (?4) to 12, shillings 257/35

Children 1 to 3, shillings 128/68

Children under 12 months one free passage per family. Ends.

Copy to:-

C.R.O.

P.S. to Permanent Under Secretary of State
Mr. de Burlet
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